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YAMAZAKI TAKAKO

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NAH, NO WAY SHE STILL NEEDS TO ATTEND HER HOME ECONOMICS CLASS!
HEY, LADY. ♡
IT'S RECESS, LET'S GO PLAY SOME SOCCER!
WHAT'S SHE GONNA DO IF SHE DOESN'T MAKE PREPARATIONS?
HEY! DO I LOOK LIKE I'M WEARING A GIRL'S UNIFORM TO YOU?
Spoken like true imbeciles.
CHECK OUT THOSE FEMININE SHOULDERS!
DON'T KNOW YOURSELF VERY WELL DO YOU?
But we're together all the time so we're starting to look alike.
We're not twins!
AND THAT PALE LITTLE FACE
NOT TO MENTION THE BELOW MIDDLE SCHOOL AVERAGE HEIGHT
SHUT THE HELL UP, ALL OF YOU!!
AMANO TAIRA! YOU DON'T EVEN NEED A GIRL'S UNIFORM!
WA-HAHAHAHA!
CROSS-DRESSER!

CHAPTER 1:
MARKING OF FIFTEEN YEARS

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GETTING ALL RILED UP JUST BECAUSE THREE IDIOTS CALLED YOU NAMES
YOU'RE PRETTY FUNNY, AMANO.
The home-ec class baked cupcakes today ♥
WHAT'S SO FUNNY ABOUT IT?
LOOK AT YOU. .
I LOVE LOOKING AT YOU WHEN YOU'RE ALL ANGRY.
Come on, Be a little angrier!
ハァ BAKRI
What's up with that?
HISHITA-KUN
Um.

YES?
I MADE THIS FOR YOU.
Girl from the next class
THANK YOU! I LOVE HOME-EC FOOD! IS IT REALLY FOR ME?
IT'S NOT ALL THAT GREAT
BUT IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS!
Urgh!
Fu
RIGHT?
* LABEL ON FOREHEAD = "TAIRA"
YES, YES! OF COURSE!
I'M SO HAPPY !!
Whoa she's fast!
HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA KEEP FOOLING PEOPLE?
TILL THE END OF TIME
THIS GUY HAVE NO LIMITS
HOW EMBARRASSING I CAN'T STAND THIS GUY
YOU'RE PROBABLY THINKING, "I CAN'T STAND THIS GUY" AM I RIGHT?

WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER SINCE WE WERE THREE. IT'S BEEN 15 YEARS NOW,
DON'T YOU THINK I'D KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING?
Really
"DEAR GOD,"
SO WHAT AM I THINKING NOW?
ARE YOU THINKING 'PLEASE LET BANRI DIE NOW!'?
Haha...
KUSAKA BANRI-KUN!
YEAH?
HANASHI-MADA TSUCHI!
Yo!
I NEED TO TALK TO YOU
GO CONTINUE YOUR "TILL THE END OF TIME" BUSINESS.
I'm leaving.

I WAS! WHY WOULD I LOOK FOR SOMEONE WHO'S WASTED 15 YEARS OF HIS LIFE?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "WASTED 15 YEARS OF MY LIFE"?
WHAT RIGHT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY THAT?

YOU'RE A SHORTIE BY NATURE.
MOST TEENAGE BOYS WHO HAVE HIT PUBERTY SHOULD BE GROWING TALLER EVERY YEAR!
LIKE TREES WITH THEIR RINGS, EARTH WITH ITS LAYERS, AND STALACTITES WITH ITS SIZE,*
WE SHOULD HAVE FIFTEEN YEARS WORTH OF MARKINGS AS WELL!

[*NOTE: THE AMOUNT OF RINGS A TREE HAS ON ITS TRUNK IS THE AMOUNT OF YEARS IT HAS LIVED. DIFFERENT TYPES OF LAYERS OF THE EARTH ARE FORMED AT DIFFERENT TIMES. THE LARGER THE STALACTITE, THE OLDER IT IS.]

Let it be our last memory in our final year of junior high. At least one win!
ARE YOU REALLY AN ATHLETE, HANASHIMADA?
BUT YOU DON'T HAVE A SINGLE MARK ON YOU!
WHAT OUR BASKETBALL TEAM NEEDS
IS TALENTS LIKE BANRI!
STOP UNDERESTIMATING ME! LISTEN UP!
This is making me pissed.
Don't swear on it!
SHUT UP! OUR BASKETBALL TEAM WON'T LET YOU IN NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS!
YOU HAVE NO HOPE OF WINNING EVEN IF THE CRAPPIEST TEAM IN THE ENTIRE SCHOOL WINS THE NATIONALS!
YOU WON'T WIN A SINGLE GAME EVEN IF BANRI JOINS YOU!
A BASKETBALL TEAM LIKE YOURS ONLY KNOWS HOW TO COLLECT CLUB FEES!
SHUT UP!
WHO'D WANT TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIM?!
YOU SHOULD ASK ME IF YOU WANT TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT AMANO. I KNOW EVERYTHING
DISMISSING MY 15 YEARS OF EXISTENCE JUST LIKE THAT!
I WON'T JOIN EVEN IF YOU BEG ME!

DO YOU KNOW HOW BAD A BUNCH OF SQUABBLING BOYS LOOK?
WHY DON'T YOU GO HOME ALREADY?
MA... MAKOTO-CHAN!
MAKOTO DOESN'T LOOK TOO HAPPY
BECAUSE YOU GUYS ARE TOO LOUD
WERE WE REALLY THAT LOUD, ICHINOSE-SAN?
N... NO
THAT IS...
4

HN...
SEE? EVEN ICHINOSE-SAN SAYS WE'RE NOT
IDIOTS...
You're from our class so you're special...
DID YOU HAVE SOME-THING TO SAY?
I'M LISTEN-ING
Hm!
MAKOTO!
AH!
I DIDN'T JOIN THE BASKET-BALL TEAM
O DIDN'T O
BANRI, AS THE CAPTAIN OF YOUR BASKETBALL TEAM I MUST WARN YOU
YOU MUST NOT HIT ON MAKOTO-CHAN
Don't you under-stand?!
Sae is my life!!
Stop joking around!!
It's not like that!

AMANO-KUN, WHAT ARE YOU ANGRY ABOUT?
COME ON, TAIRA-CHAN! ♡

YOU GUYS AGAIN?
CAN'T YOU SMILE?
LIKE THIS.
YEP.
WHY SO GLOOM?
KUSA-KA-KUN, THAT'S SO COOL!
SHOW-OFF!
Bonbonnes
I can't imagine Japanese fraternity!
He's pretty cool
Ka-cha!
FINISHED
Shock

NOW LOOK WHAT YOU DID NOW, HEI * SCARING GIRLS OFF WITH THAT MEAN FACE OF YOURS
I KNOW THAT!
OH...
SO...
SORRY!
SORRY!
THAT'S STRANGE. WHY DID SHE RUN AWAY?
Your face is scary.
I FEEL UNSETTLED
SO WHAT'S WRONG?

*Note: Taira's nickname is "Hei". The actual kanji for Taira is actually pronounced as "Hei," "Hei" or "Hira". We will use "Hei" in all his nicks so he'll get confused.

BAO I
take a rest

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こんにちわ
やまうち＆神田のコミックス
は「っぱり」です。

こないだまで連載してたのに
すでにコミックスとは☺
やはり「連続は力なり」でしょうか…ななかP数
依然少なくコミックスにもまない作品群とかかえな
がらもニコニコしている私です。
この話しは1〜2話完結
32Pをめざしてやってみましたが なんのなんの コレがつらい。大抵、ネームP数のが多いんですが この話しは最初の1話も 時に4回目と5回目。2の次くらいつめた。切ったといえばつめ込んだり入れてて(髪出すくるわ 血色悪いわと悪くなってしまったわ☠ やはりでも描けば描くほど キャラクターに愛着でてきてとても愛しかったのも確かです。やっぱ中学生は書てがいがあるよぅ☺

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I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M SO WORKED UP OVER IT!
AND I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M FEELING SO UNSETTLED..
MAYBE BECAUSE SHE HATES ME...
AND SO I'M UPSET EVERY TIME I THINK ABOUT IT...?
HEI, DINNER!
BUT THIS DOESN'T SEEM TO BE THE CASE...
I'M GONNA EAT YOUR SHARE IF YOU DON'T COME OUT!
THEN I'LL BE TALLER THAN YOU AS WELL!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!
YOU'RE STILL A YEAR YOUNGER THAN ME!
I MAY BE YOUNGER BUT I CAN'T HELP IT IF I'M TALL!

BE CAREFUL! DO YOU HAVE ALZHEIMER'S ?!
I DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND WHY I HAVE TO GO SOMEWHERE ELSE TO MEET HIM WHEN HE LIVES RIGHT NEXT DOOR!
Toy's
Akihabara
SIR, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
THANK YOU, LITTLE GIRL
I'M A BOY!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, WOULD YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW THE WAY TO THIS PLACE?
JUST GO STRAIGHT FROM HERE. THEN TURN RIGHT, THEN LEFT NEAR THE PARK
WAIT NO! IT'S DANGEROUS THAT WAY!
THANK YOU AGAIN! I'LL BE GOING THAT WAY NOW.

And that one... Granpa !
He's late anyway, so he might as well wait
SORRY, BANRI
I'M A BOY
HOW LUCKY I AM TO MEET A KIND LADY LIKE YOU!
IT'S PROBABLY BETTER IF I TOOK YOU THERE.
LOOK AT THE LIGHT BEFORE YOU CROSS, OLD FART!
ARE YOU HERE ON BUSINESS?
YOU DON'T SEEM TO BE A LOCAL, SIR
THIS PLACE USED TO BE AN EMPTY LOT WITH A GREAT VIEW
MY GRAND-FATHER SAYS THAT AS WELL
THINGS HAVE CERTAINLY CHANGED AROUND HERE!
I HAVEN'T BEEN IN THIS AREA FOR SO LONG I GOT LOST!
OH NO. MY DAUGHTER AND HER HUSBAND LIVES HERE
LITTLE GIRL, YOU WILL ONLY BE GOOD FOR CHILD-BEARING IF YOU FATTEN UP A LITTLE!
Pats back!
SHE'S ABOUT YOUR HEIGHT AS WELL
OH, REALLY? I HAVE A GRAND-DAUGHTER AROUND YOUR AGE
How many times do I have to tell you?! I'm a boy!!
You won't do at all like this.
Wah !

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET ALONG WITH MY GRANDDAUGHTER ANYMORE
IT'S NOT ONLY THE PLACE, THE PEOPLE HAVE CHANGED AS WELL.
NOSTALGIC...
Did you hear me?
DID YOU COME OUT ESPECIALLY TO GET ME?
Ah! Hinaki!
GRANDPA!
A... AMANO TAIRA...
AREN'T YOU... ICHINOSE HINAKI?
THANK YOU! MY GRAND-DAUGHTER CAME TO PICK ME UP.

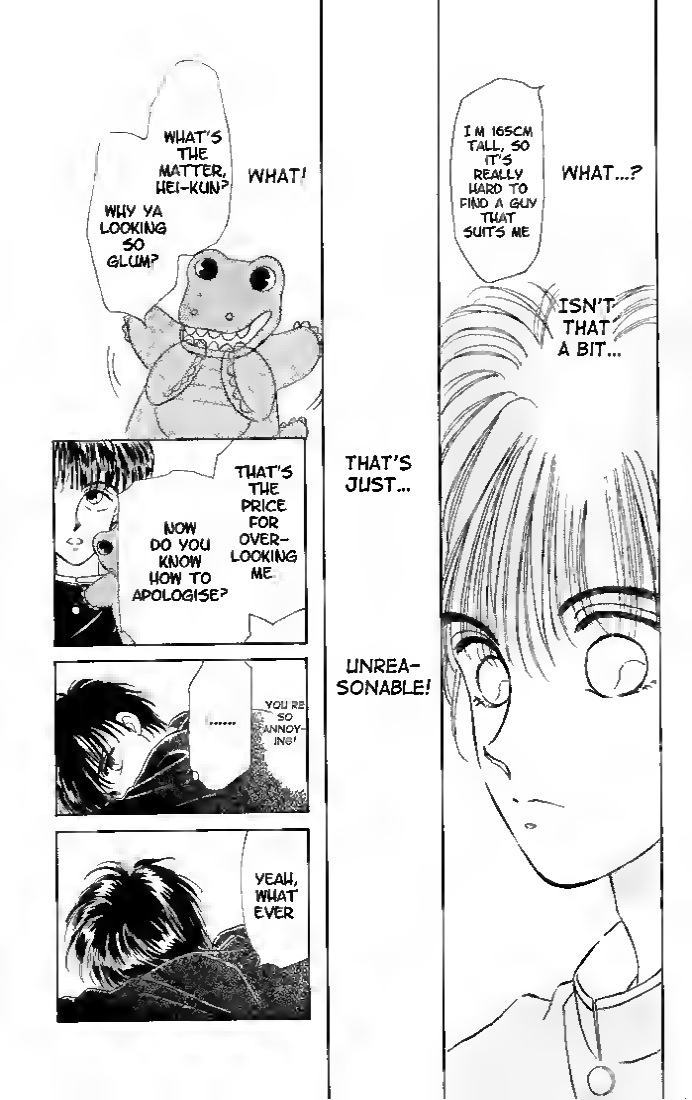
THIS LITTLE GIRL IS THE ONE WHO BROUGHT ME HERE.
THANK YOU
LET'S GO, GRANDPA!
RUNNING AGAIN!
IS SHE TRYING TO RUN AWAY AGAIN?
WHAT?
I SAID... YOU...
YOU'RE RUNNING AWAY AGAIN...
WHY DO YOU...
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO HIDE BEHIND SAGAMI MAKOTO?
WHY CAN'T YOU JUST SAY WHAT YOU WANT?

STOP HIDING YOURSELF, OKAY?
IF YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING, THEN SPEAK UP!
STAND FORWARD!
BRAVELY

WAIT!
WHY DOES SHE DO THAT TO ME!
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU KNOW MY GRAND-DAUGHTER! WHAT A COIN-CIDENCE!
OI, OI!
SO HER BLUSHING SYNDROME IS ALL BETTER NOW?
HER 'BLUSHING SYNDROME'?
IT WAS PRETTY INTERESTING WATCHING YOU GIRLS FIGHT
OF COURSE! DON'T YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?
Ho ho ho!
Say it first!
Didn't have the courage to say it!
BECAUSE YOU ARE VERY CUTE...
A LITTLE MORE BRAVELY...
STEP FORWARD...
3:55
He's probably in there already
8:10
Why isn't he coming out?
I'M SO SAD, HEI-KUN!
I WAITED SO LONG FOR YOU YESTER-DAY

IT'S MY FAULT, IT WAS ALL MY FAULT! I DIDN'T MEAN TO MAKE YOU CRY
I WAS UPSET, BUT I DIDN'T CRY
I DIDN'T KNOW SHE HAD A BLUSHING SYNDROME.
WHAT?
APOLOGISE! I SHOULD GO APOLOGISE!
UM EXCUSE ME
スタスタスタ
Hey!
I was only mucking around
HINAKI, WHAT TYPE OF GUYS DO YOU LIKE?
WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN?
WELL, YOU'VE NEVER MENTIONED THE KIND OF GUY YOU LIKE,
WHETHER YOU'D WANT HIM TO BE HANDSOME OR STRONG
Rush!

WHAT ABOUT HEIGHT?
HE SHOULD AT LEAST BE TALLER THAN YOU, RIGHT?
YOU'RE NOT VERY TALL,
JUST ABOVE 152 CM SHOULD DO, RIGHT?
YES. RIGHT.


I'M 165CM TALL, SO IT'S REALLY HARD TO FIND A GUY THAT SUITS ME
WHAT...?
ISN'T THAT A BIT...
THAT'S JUST...
UNREA-SONABLE!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, HEI-KUN?
WHY YA LOOKING SO GLUM?
WHAT!
NOW DO YOU KNOW HOW TO APOLOGISE?
THAT'S THE PRICE FOR OVER-LOOKING ME
.....
YOU'RE SO ANNOY-ING!
YEAH, WHAT EVER

WHAT IS IT?
You're in 3rd year junior high, and only 150cm. I'm 175cm.
OF COURSE YOU'RE TOO SHORT.
AM I TOO SHORT?
HEY, BANRI...
It's too late for apologies, my heart has sunk down a bottomless crevasse.
SHE SAID THAT TALL PEOPLE ARE MORE PREFERABLE THAN SHORT ONES
Oh!
SHE SAID THAT?
The tree of romance?
JUST WAIT FOR ME UNDER THE BIG TREE IN THE COURTYARD AFTER SCHOOL,
I'll bring her along.
SINCE WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS FOR SO LONG,
JUST LEAVE LITTLE STUFF LIKE THIS TO ME!
I KNOW, I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOUR PROBLEM IS NOW!

YOU CALLED ME HERE DID YOU NEED SOMETHING?
Tree of Romance ~Banri

THE ONE YOU TOLD BANRI TO GIVE ME
CHAL-LENGE LETTER ?
WHY IS SAGAMI MIKOTO HERE? AND SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'S HERE FOR A FIGHT.
THIS IS A MISUNDER-STANDING
I knew I'd be in trouble sooner or later
I'M ENDING MY FRIENDSHIP WITH YOU, BANRI!
CHALLENGE LETTERS AREN'T POPULAR ANYMORE, YOU KNOW.
Tree of Romance Banri
I'M NOT SCARED OF YOU, SHRIMP!
WHAT EXACTLY IS IT THAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT ME?

STOP LOOKING DOWN ON PEOPLE!
IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU AND YOUR HEIGHT ISSUES, I WOULD HAVE APOLOGISED TO HINAKI ALREADY
SO WHAT IF I'M SHORT?
JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE TOO TALL DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN BE SO COCKY
Too Tall?
YOU'RE JUST TOO SHORT! I'VE NEVER SEEN A GUY SO ANTI-SOCIAL!
Jealous
YOU SHOULD TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT YOURSELF!
WHAT KIND OF GIRL CARRIES A BAMBOO SWORD WITH HER DAY IN, DAY OUT?
ARE YOU DONE?
I'M DONE
WHAT NOW?
SWOOSH!!

En garde!
WHOA.
AH
Ah!
Wah!
People with training won't fight!
I'LL ONLY ADMIT TO WHAT YOU SAID TODAY WHEN THAT HAPPENS
WE'LL COMPETE AGAIN WHEN YOU'RE STRONGER THAN ME
THAT'S DIRTY! I DIDN'T HAVE A WEAPON!

YOU SAID THAT WOMEN ARE WEAK SO WHY CAN'T THE WEAK CARRY A WEAPON?
OUCH!
I WILL GROW TALLER
I WILL DEFINITELY GROW TALLER FOR YOU TO SEE!
YOU ARE AN INTERESTING GUY
BANRI! YOU...

I HAVE TO GROW TALLER!
COME OVER HERE! I'M HOLDING YOU RESPONSIBLE!
I DID?
IT'S ALL BECAUSE YOU ASKED THE WRONG PERSON!
I ASKED HER OUT ESPECIALLY FOR YOU, AND YOU TWO END UP FIGHTING!
I saw the whole thing.
HANASHIMADA, I NEED TO JOIN THE BASKETBALL TEAM!
TALLER THAN HINAKI, EVEN TALLER THAN BANRI!
Shoo! Shoo!
WHAT? WE DON'T NEED YOU!
NO MATTER WHAT, I HAVE TO BE AT THE VERY LEAST TALLER THAN HINAKI!
THAT'S BETTER
BANRI IS JOINING WITH ME
* KANJI ON BANNER= "TRUMP CARD"

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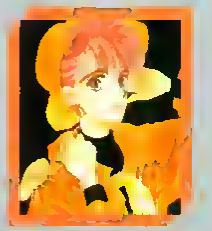

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CHAPTER 2: "BORN FREE"

キュッ
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NUMBER 6 AND 8, GUARD! 5 AND 7, MARK THEM!
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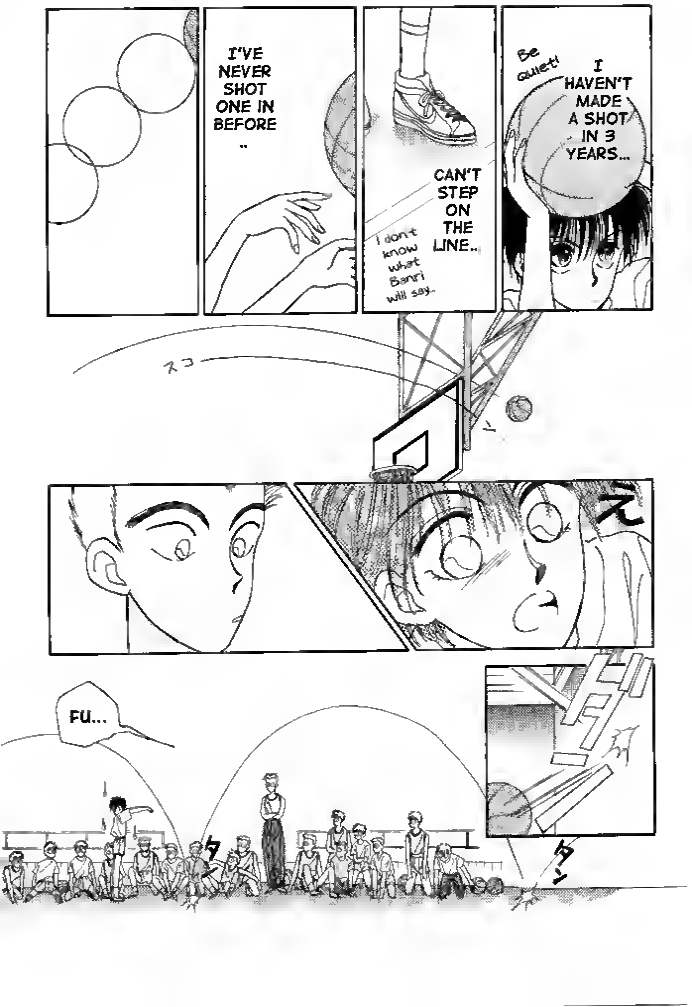
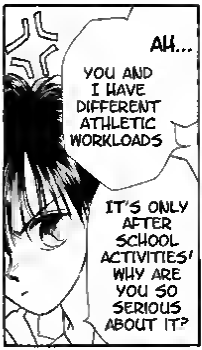
GOOD SHOT!
PLEASE CLEAN THEM WELL, SEMPAI, OR I'LL GET INTO TROUBLE AGAIN
WHY DO I HAVE TO CLEAN BALLS WITH THE NEWBIES?

ALRIGHT! FIRST AND SECOND YEARS, PRACTICE AGAINST THE WALL!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING, NEWBIE?!
BANRI'S A NEWBIE, TOO!
WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE CLEANING BALLS?
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?!
You have zero potential for learning!
YOU'RE SO ANNOYING! I'LL SHOW YOU HOW WELL I SHOOT! TAKE THAT! TAKE THAT!! AND THAT!!!
Haruishimada sure is energetic.
Sawai, you're unsettling him again!
ALL RIGHT! LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN GET A PENALTY GOAL IN FROM HERE.
IF YOU CAN, I'LL RECONSIDER YOUR POSITION.

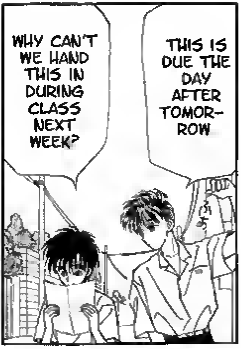
I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT.
I HAVE ONE CONDI-TION.
BAN!
?
WAIT!
OF COURSE.
YOUR FEET CAN'T STEP OVER THE LINE.
Of Course
Hm?
DON'T SWAP YOUR PUNY ARMS!
DON'T FORCE YOUR-SELF!
GO BACK TO CLEANING BALLS!
AMANO TAIRA! CAN YOU DO IT?


I'VE NEVER SHOT ONE IN BEFORE ..
CAN'T STEP ON THE LINE..
I don't know what Banri will say..
Be quiet!
I HAVEN'T MADE A SHOT IN 3 YEARS...
スコ
FU...

HO- OOME RUN!
What happened?
What the..?
Unbelievable!
Wah! My stomach hurts!
What an idiot!
IT DIDN'T EVEN TOUCH THE BACKBOARD!
WHAT A PITY
KEEP CLEANING
THANKS
You were great!
HERE, A CLEANING CLOTH
Q3. PLEASE WRITE AN 800 WORD ESSAY USING YOUR FAMILY AS THE TOPIC
I'm so tired!


AH...
YOU AND I HAVE DIFFERENT ATHLETIC WORKLOADS
IT'S ONLY AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES! WHY ARE YOU SO SERIOUS ABOUT IT?

BASKET-BALL IS SO TIRING!
TEACH-ERS HAVE THEIR OWN WAY OF THINKING.
IS IT?


WHY CAN'T WE HAND THIS IN DURING CLASS NEXT WEEK?
THIS IS DUE THE DAY AFTER TOMOR-ROW

SO YOU WON

YEAH, BUT WE WON

HOW TYPICAL
I know.
Doing my best isn't my style.
BASKETBALL'S SO TIRING, WHY WOULD I START PLAYING IT IN THE FIRST YEAR?
YOU'RE SILLY!

WHAT-EVER YOU SAY.
I received a pile of letters again today.
I'M WORRIED, THOUGH.
WHAT IF I GET MORE AND MORE FANS?

VICTORY! VICTORY! HOW COOL!
Hanashiwaki sure has a good eye for people.
WHY DIDN'T YOU JOIN THE TEAM BACK IN FIRST YEAR?
I HAD NO IDEA HE WAS SUCH A GOOD PLAYER, EVEN THOUGH WE'D PLAY TOGETHER BACK IN 6TH GRADE.

ICHINOSE HINAKI.
WHY DID YOU MENTION HER ALL OF A SUDDEN?
SHE'S VERY POPULAR WITH THE BOYS RIGHT NOW!
DON'T YOU KNOW?
REALLY?
I HAVE NO IDEA WHY, BUT SHE'S NOT AS SHY AS SHE WAS BEFORE,
AND SHE'S STOPPED HIDING BEHIND MAKO-CHAN

I NOTICED.
SO WHAT IF I KNEW? SINCE I'M SHORTER THAN HER...
What?
CAN'T YOU TELL?
I'VE NEVER NOTICED BEFORE, BUT HINAKI IS PRETTY CUTE.
Damn it! You're an enemy too!
BECAUSE I SAW HER FACE IN MY MIND...
I MADE THINGS WORSE FOR MYSELF AGAIN...
What?

I WAS JUST ANSWERING TO BE POLITE AND NOW THE NUMBER OF ENEMIES HAS INCREASED!
Sagami Makoto is always teasing me
IS IT ALL RIGHT FOR YOU TO SCRUNCH YOUR ASSIGNMENT UP LIKE THAT?
OH!
CRAP!
It's the question sheet
THE TEACHER IS PRETTY CRUEL, MAKING YOU WRITE ABOUT YOUR FAMILY EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE ADOPTED
WHO ARE YOU SAYING IS ADOPTED? WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR A WHILE YOU KNOW
I'll be scared if you remember everything from the time we were 3
YOU'D KNOW IT'D BE IMPOSSIBLE JUST THINKING ABOUT IT
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I KNOW ALL YOUR SECRETS
I MAY HAVE KNOWN YOU FOR QUITE SOME TIME,
I can hear the heartbeats of the earth.
A LONE WOLF IN THE COLD DEPTHS OF THE WORLD!
BORN WITH COMPLETE FREEDOM, WITHOUT RESTRAINT, WITHOUT TIES!
HOW ABOUT IT? PRETTY COOL, HUH?
WHY ARE YOU SO SURE I'M ADOPTED?
BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT LIKE THE REST OF YOUR FAMILY AT ALL.

MY MOTHER, AMANO AKI, 37, HOUSE-WIFE.
YOU'RE BACK ♡ WE'LL HAVE DINNER SOON.
I'M HOME!
MY SISTER NARU, 14, 2ND YEAR JUNIOR HIGH.
YOU'RE BACK LATE, I'VE EATEN ALL YOUR SNACKS.
STOP IT, YOU TWO I SAVED SOME FOR YOU
I WAS HUNGRY
HOW CAN YOU EAT OTHER PEOPLE'S SNACKS?
ドゲシ

I WANT SOME TOO
HUH?
SO DO I!
THEN GO GET THREE GLASSES OF IT.
MY OLDER BROTHER - KAZU, HE'S 17 AND IN 3RD YEAR SENIOR HIGH.
GET ME SOME COKE.
.....
GRANDMA AND GRANDPA LIVE SEPA-RATELY...
HE'S OVER AT GRANDMA'S PLACE.
MUM WHERE'S GRANDPA?
I HAVE TO FOLLOW EVERY-ONE'S ORDERS THIS HOUSE...
I want some!
Here you go.

ISN'T DAD BACK FROM WORK YET?
HE'S IN HIS ROOM.
YOU THREE GO SAY HI TO HIM.
DAD'S 40 AND WORKS AT THE POST OFFICE.
HIS HOBBIES ARE A LITTLE STRANGE.
Oh
In his room?
DAD! WE'RE HOME!
DINNER IS READY.

AMANO MASASHI, A COMPLETE AND UTTER COMPUTER FREAK
UNDER-STOOD.
I'M HOME
MOTHER, WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?
I'M HERE TO TROUBLE YOU AS WELL.
DAD IS WAY TOO OVER PAS-SIONATE
I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU, GRANDMA
OH! NARU, YOU'VE GROWN TALLER!
AND KAZU IS GETTING MORE AND MORE HANDSOME. JUST LIKE YOUR GRANDPA WHEN HE WAS YOUNG ♡
GRANDMA, YOU JUST SAW ME LAST WEEK

P.P 0.1
take a rest

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2話目に使った下描原本。実際印刷ものより少し小さめに作っていただきました。
僕の描く「トーホは仕事ないのか」相談相手はなぜ一緒に就職されないのか」疑い

こいホーネは さぞかし おかしな奴に見えたことしょう 何に使うのか きかれて「え…ちょっと調べたい事が…」思い切りうさんくさい顔をされ そのカオにうなずく 今日この頃。 ええ ええ。 ええい もった この人もはもう一生 会う事はないだろう！ 次の頃にはかきまぜしかして よろこべる。 ここは地元なのだ。

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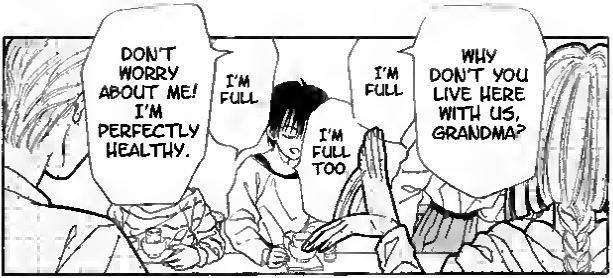
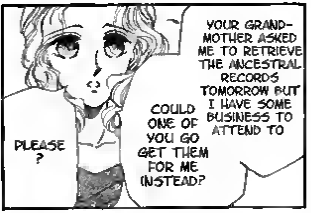
さて 手に数の兄妹の会話これは 3話にっぽと同じとう うちは姉と弟とうが…。 なかなか 真ん中とゆーのも 悪事労かた えないんんとございましょ？ え？ みなな由？

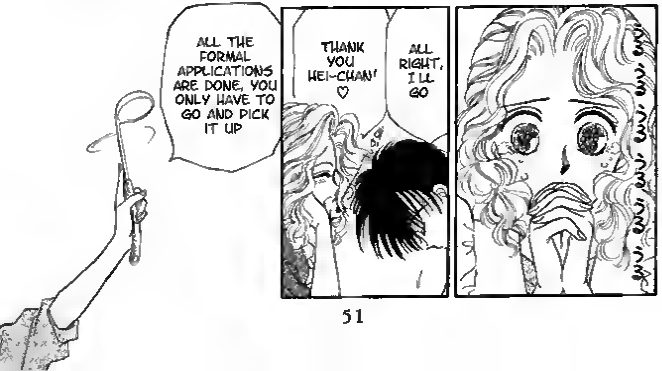
Dinner's Ready!
SO THIS IS MY FAMILY, SEVEN PEOPLE IN ALL...
GRAND-MOTHER IS GETTING OLD, YOU SHOULDN'T OVERTAX YOURSELF!
WITH MY DIFFERENT HAIR COLOUR
IT'S JUST ME...
JUST LIKE BANRI SAID, NO ONE IN MY FAMILY RESEMBLES ME AT ALL...
I CAN STILL HANDLE IT NO PROBLEM!
NARU, STOP STEALING MY FOOD!
GRANDPA SHOULD TRY PER-SUADING GRANDMA AS WELL!
DON'T BE SO STINGY!
THAT'S TRUE...
TOFU IS VERY NUTRI-TIONAL, WHY AREN'T YOU EATING IT?
NOT YOU TOO!
ALL RIGHT, I'LL HAVE SOME
I'M FULL


DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! I'M PERFECTLY HEALTHY.
I'M FULL
I'M FULL TOO
I'M FULL
WHY DON'T YOU LIVE HERE WITH US, GRANDMA?

WAIT A MINUTE
don't worry about me
You'll catch an early death

THEN I CAN'T
I HAVE TO MEET UP WITH FRIENDS TOMORROW
I HAVE EXAMS


PLEASE ?
COULD ONE OF YOU GO GET THEM FOR ME INSTEAD?
YOUR GRANDMOTHER ASKED ME TO RETRIEVE THE ANCESTRAL RECORDS TOMORROW BUT I HAVE SOME BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO


ALL THE FORMAL APPLICATIONS ARE DONE, YOU ONLY HAVE TO GO AND PICK IT UP
THANK YOU HEI-CHAN! ♡
ALL RIGHT, I'LL GO
ууу. ууу. ууу. ууу. ууу.

I've got entry exams this year as well!
You're not the only one who has to study
BIG BRO, YOUR FACE DOESN'T LOOK TOO GOOD
Sneak—
Sneak—
Sneak—
STOP CHIT-CHAT-TING, IN MY ROOM, OKAY?
STOP PESTER-ING ME!
I ONLY GET TO SLEEP...
ABOUT 4 HOURS IN TOTAL PER DAY...
HE'S ASLEEP
Get Wah bro
Big
off

Get off—
Big bro
You're Heavy
Get off...
HE'S DEAD ASLEEP
はっ
THIS PICTURE IS SO CUTE!
GET OUT, ALL OF YOU! I NEED TO STUDY!
IT'S ONLY BEEN 30 SECONDS
I WASTED 30 SECONDS!
CRAP! CRAP!
DON'T TOUCH MY MARI-CHAN!
WHO IS IT?
GOOD EVENING!
Good Evening!
MA...!!

PLEASE FORGIVE ME! HERE, I'LL LEND YOU THIS
HAS BIG BRO BEEN DRIVEN INSANE BY STUDYING?
YOU SAID YOU WOULD MARRY ME WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG, WHY HAVE YOU GROWN SO TALL?
Picture of Benri when he was three
Restricted Film
うおおおお
あお
MARI-CHAN!
I'M TALLER THAN HIM BY 5CM I'LL BE TALLER THAN YOU IN TWO YEARS!
YOU'RE AS TALL AS YOUR BROTHER NOW!
DIDN'T I SEE YOU YESTER-DAY?
Happy
NARU-CHAN! HOW'VE YOU BEEN?
WE'D BETTER STAY AWAY FROM THE CHAOS
Pauline, it's started!
Princess Leila, I remember your nam
Come, come here!
Help!
TAIRA'S IN TROUBLE.
YOU'RE THE ONE IN TROUBLE!

ARE YOUR PARENTS OUT AGAIN?
YEP.
THE VINE OUTSIDE YOUR BEDROOM WINDOW'S GROWING WELL!
YOUR BEDROOM LIGHT'S STILL ON
I FORGOT
THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED IF YOU DIDN'T COME OVER TO MY HOUSE
Uncontrollably shameless!
YOU'RE PRETTY SHAMELESS, RENTING MOVIES LIKE THAT!
IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO STOP YOUR BROTHER FROM OBSESSING OVER ME!
Gasping in my precious wine
HEY!
Want me to write it for you?
You're annoying
STOP WRITING ON MY HOMEWORK
HOW COLD
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO LEFT IT HERE
I WAS PICKED
Y FATHER AND MOT
ARE NOT
RUE BIRTH
Carelessly writing!
Carelessly writing!

I'M NOT IMAGINING THINGS...
IT'S HARD TO FORGET THE THINGS THAT HARPENED WHEN WE WERE THREE
BANRI HAS GROWN UP...
I CAN'T HELP IT IF IT WANTS TO GROW...
*BUT BANRI SEEMS TO BE THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS GROWN UP...
I'VE BECOME INCREDIBLY HANDSOME?
HEY... DON'T YOU THINK...
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE OF HINAKI THAT I'VE BECOME A LITTLE STRANGE.

Urgh...
JUST YOU. WAIT! ONE DAY...
ONE DAY I WILL GROW TALLER THAN YOU...
Still stomping!
I JUST NEED TO LEAVE A LITTLE EARLIER TODAY, THAT'S ALL!
DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN GROW TALLER WITHOUT PRACTICING? STOP JOKING!
AMANO-SEMPAI RUNS FASTER THAN THE STANDARD AVERAGE SPEED
THE CAPTAIN HASN'T HIT HIM ONCE!
AMANO IS REALLY FAST
Hanamichi! Calm down!
Keep Quiet! I need to fix your horrible behavior!
THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO DO!
THAT TYPE OF ATTITUDE WON'T BE FORGIVEN!
STOP UNDERESTIMATING BASKETBALL!
I NEED TO LEAVE EARLY TODAY TOO
CAUGHT!
Ready
Steady
Go!
RUNNING FAST DOESN'T EQUAL GROWING TALL

Resident Division
Administration Bureau
WHY DOES IT MATTER IF I SOMETIMES LEAVE EARLY?
UM, EXCUSE ME...
OH! ARE YOU HERE TO COLLECT YOUR ANCESTRAL RECORDS?
JUST FILL IN THIS FORM AND SIGN HERE.
OKAY
HERE ARE THE ANCESTRAL RECORDS FOR YOUR FAMILY
I heard about it over the phone
ALL THE NAMES OF YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS ARE LISTED IN IT
THANKS
THE TWO FILES TOGETHER ARE 600 YEN
WHAT WOULD GRANDMA NEED THIS FOR?

Mother
Father
Kunihe
Amano Akira
Heh.
Name
Amano Hiroshi
GRANDPA'S NAME...
WHAT DOES AN ANCESTRAL RECORD LOOK LIKE ANYWAY?
Mother
Wife
Ikeno Antsu
Monno-yama
Nao
Two daughters
GRANDMOTHER...
Name
Amano Masashi
IT'S OUR FAMILY!
HM? THERE IS ONE MORE
Don't squat there.

ALL THE NAMES OF EACH AND EVERY FAMILY MEMBER LISTED IN THE ANCESTRAL RECORDS...
Kazu
Naru
Huh?
WHY ISN'T... MY NAME HERE?
ALL THE NAMES OF EACH AND EVERY FAMILY MEMBER ARE LISTED IN THE ANCESTRAL RECORDS...

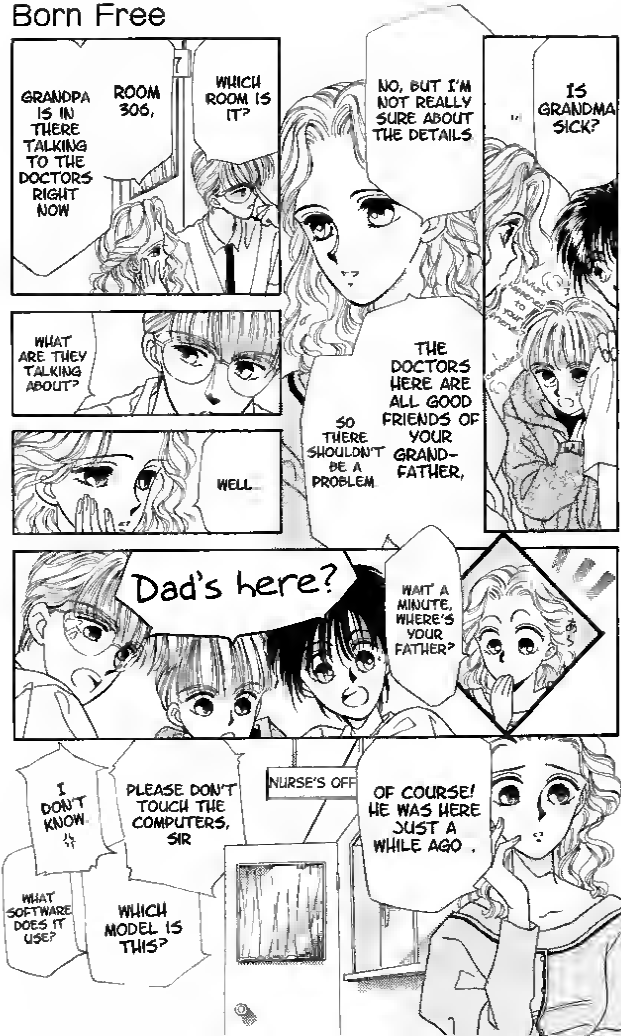
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT
Hey!
Born ~~~~ to be free
Just like ~~~~~
Windblown ~~~~~
Freedom

Drained
I'M HOME
ガチャン
ガ!!
Wah!
Wah!
Who am I?
Who am I?
Who am I?
HEI!
A wandering nomad
HAHA... IT MUST BE A MISTAKE...
I am someone
THERE MUST BE A MISTAKE...
YES...
child
BUT I'M SO DIFFERENT FROM EVERYONE ELSE IN THE FAMILY...
An abandoned baby found under a bridge
In front of our house
THIS IS FATE!
WHY RAISE ME IN THE FIRST PLACE?

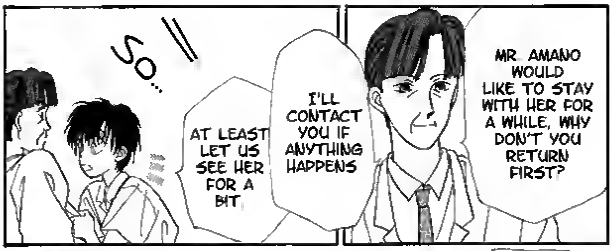
YOU'RE BACK JUST IN TIME! THE HOSPITAL JUST RANG;
GRANDMA'S COLLAPSED AND WAS SENT TO THE HOSPITAL!

HOW COULD THIS BE?
GRANDMA WAS FINE YESTERDAY.
PLEASE TURN RIGHT IN FRONT, SIR.
BUT SHE MIGHT NOT BE MY GRANDMOTHER...
I COULD BE ADOPTED
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?
I'M AN OUTSIDER.
THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT THAT, GRANDMA'S IN TROUBLE.
AND YAMATO AND AKI MAY NOT BE RELATED TO ME
Utterly confused
URGH! I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!
WHAT ON EARTH AM I THINKING?
I'M BEING SO FOOLISH!

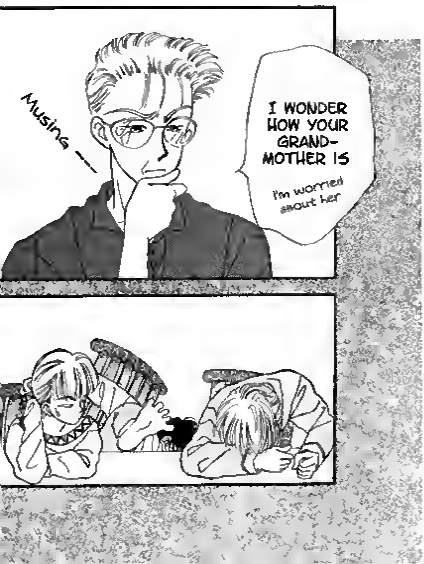
BIG BRO...
I'M SO STUPID!
GRANDMA WILL BE FINE, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
MUM! WHERE'S GRANDMA?
SHE'S ASLEEP. GRANDPA IS INSIDE WITH HER.

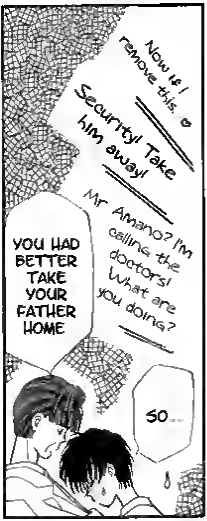

IS GRANDMA SICK?
NO, BUT I'M NOT REALLY SURE ABOUT THE DETAILS
THE DOCTORS HERE ARE ALL GOOD FRIENDS OF YOUR GRANDFATHER,
SO THERE SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM
WHICH ROOM IS IT?
ROOM 306,
GRANDPA IS IN THERE TALKING TO THE DOCTORS RIGHT NOW
WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?
WELL...
Dad's here?
WAIT A MINUTE, WHERE'S YOUR FATHER?
OF COURSE! HE WAS HERE JUST A WHILE AGO.
NURSE'S OFF
I DON'T KNOW.
PLEASE DON'T TOUCH THE COMPUTERS, SIR
WHICH MODEL IS THIS?
WHAT SOFTWARE DOES IT USE?

I don't know! I'm going to call the doctors!
HE'S HERE.
SEEMS LIKE IT.
カチャ
DOCTOR!
HOW'S OUR GRAND-MOTHER?
306
307
WE CAN'T BE SURE AT THE MOMENT.
BUT YOU SHOULDN'T LEAVE HER ALONE EVEN IF SHE DOESN'T LISTEN TO YOU.
SHE NEEDS SOME PEACE AND QUIET RIGHT NOW.
YOU MAY GO
OKAY
SHE'S THAT SICK?!
SHE'S NOT VERY WELL.
SHE'S ASLEEP RIGHT NOW
YOU SHOULD GO HOME AND MAKE SOME PREPARATIONS AND BRING SOME DAILY NECESSITIES THAT SHE'LL NEED IN THE HOSPITAL
わ!!??
IF ONLY SHE HAD LIVED WITH US! NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE HAPPENED
IT'S NOT SO SERIOUS THAT YOU HAVE TO CRY OVER IT


SO...
AT LEAST LET US SEE HER FOR A BIT
I'LL CONTACT YOU IF ANYTHING HAPPENS
MR. AMANO WOULD LIKE TO STAY WITH HER FOR A WHILE, WHY DON'T YOU RETURN FIRST?

IT'S OKAY SEE? IT WORKS A LOT BETTER NOW!
SIR, PLEASE LEAVE! YOU CAN'T COME IN HERE!
NURSE'S OF
IT WOULD BE BETTER IF YOU CHANGED THIS PROGRAM SLIGHTLY


Musing...
I WONDER HOW YOUR GRAND-MOTHER IS
I'm worried about her


Now let remove this...
Security! Take him away!
Mr Amano? I'm calling the doctors! What are you doing?
YOU HAD BETTER TAKE YOUR FATHER HOME
SO...

SHE'S ONLY 62
SHE MIGHT BE SICK SHE IS GETTING OLDER YOU KNOW
GRANDMA ISN'T SICK, IS SHE?
YOUR WORK IS ALWAYS BUSY, SO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF
I'M STAYING WITH GRANDMA FROM TOMORROW ONWARDS
I'm home
GRAND PA'S BACK!
IT'S A BIG DEAL FOR SOMEONE NORMALLY THAT HEALTHY TO COLLAPSE SO SUDDENLY
HEI!
WHAT?
HUH?
We've troubled you Grandma
NOTHING
HOW IS GRANDMA ?

P.R.O.I
take a rest

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思ったより ちゃんと人気があったのはヒナキです。ちょっと意外だったんですがにだって ほとんどセリフもないし出番も少なかったですから。あ もの3人としか——ぅ——ん もっと出してあげたかったなあ——

◆◆◆

それでいけば これも意外 花とマダと タカオカにも人気があったという ■ 花とマダは まだ最初から出てるけど タカオカはしょっちゅうじゃん 大泉 あと ねこ兄ちゃんとかもね。まあ やっぱり 平と五里が圧倒的にくいたった人気だったんだけど。実際 みんにも幼なじみがいるほうで 中盤の頃 思い出して描いてます。
元気だったよな —— 泉

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Ha ha ha ha!
That's right!
Worthless little worm!
You're a nobody!
A Nothing!
I WAS SO SCARED I COULDN'T ASK...
I GUESS I REALLY SHOULD TAKE THIS TO GRANDMA AFTER ALL
IN TIMES LIKE THIS, THE ONE I SHOULD RELY ON IS
Last time I got it all wrinkled
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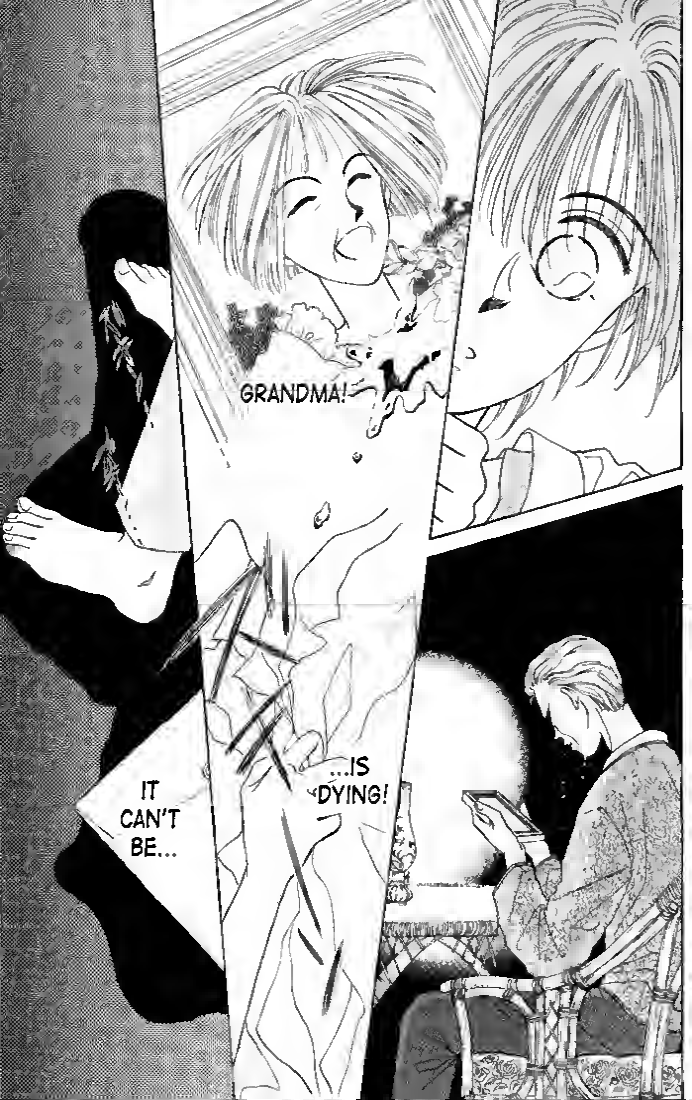
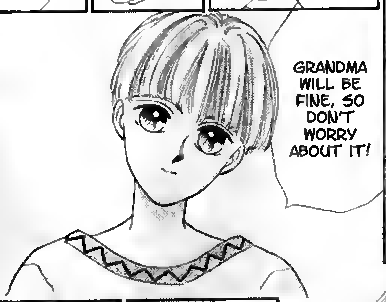
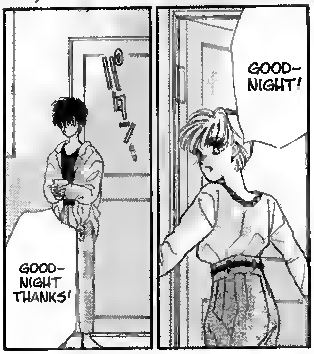
GRAND-PA?
?
GRANDPA
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?


GRANDMA!
IT CAN'T BE...
...IS DYING!

HUH? FOR ME?
HAVE SOME WARM MILK!
HOT MILK TEA!
AH!
WHAT'S UP YOU DON'T LOOK VERY WELL!

HOW?


GRANDMA WILL BE FINE, SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!


GOOD-NIGHT!
GOOD-NIGHT THANKS!

AT A TIME LIKE THIS... I'M STILL THINKING ABOUT MYSELF...
I'M SO SELF-CENTERED...
BUT IF I'M NOT A MEMBER OF THIS FAMILY, THEN I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO WORRY ABOUT GRANDMA...
IF SO...
WHY AM I SO IMPATIENT?
WHAT AM I THINKING?
I SHOULD ONLY BE CONCERNED ABOUT GRANDMA FOR NOW...
This is delicious!
EVEN WITH EVERYONE TREATING ME SO WELL, I STILL FEEL LONELY...
GRANDMA! YOU HAVE TO GET BETTER SOON!

AMANO TAIRA, WHY HAVEN'T YOU WRITTEN A SINGLE WORD FOR YOUR ESSAY?
Mu-mu
Ahem
HOW BRAVE!
Shakasaka
DIDN'T YOU KNOW IT WAS DUE IN TODAY?
You can't go home unless you hand it in!
FROM AFTER SCHOOL TO 5 O'CLOCK, WRITTEN REPORT TO BE HANDED IN THE HOME RO
WHAT AM I SUPPOSE TO WRITE?
THERE ARE THINGS YOU JUST CAN'T HELP FEELING APPREHENSIVE ABOUT...
Q3 Please write an e word essay usin your family as topic
BUT...
THIS PIECE OF HOMEWORK MUST BE HANDED IN BEFORE YOU LEAVE SCHOOL TODAY
Looking like each other only as a result of sticking together even your hair turned white.
I ENVY YOU PEOPLE!
Sigh -
ARE YOU DONE?
Heart tattered
WOW! THAT'S GREAT!
Look!
Kage Bunshin no Jutsu
HEH HEH HEH...
YOU'VE FINALLY DISCOVERED OUR MAGNETISM?

* = MULTIPLE SHADOW CLONE TECHNIQUE

SAGAMI MAKOTO IS STILL TOO TALL.
HEY YOU, WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING SO DOWN FOR?
YOU'D BETTER GO TO SCHOOL! IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO GRANDMA, I'LL CALL THE SCHOOL.
IT'D BE BETTER IF YOU STAND STRAIGHT.
DWARVES LIKE YOU SHOULD STOP SLOUCHING
Sigh
AH YOU'RE RIGHT
HE'S A LONE WOLF IN THE BIG, COLD WORLD!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?
I LIKE THE ART OF LANGUAGES AND I LIKE GIRLS EVEN MORE
???
ANSWER MY QUESTION!
DO I SOUND LIKE I'M SPEAKING CANTONESE?
What?
CAN'T YOU SPEAK IN A LANGUAGE I CAN UNDERSTAND?
I THOUGHT I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU!

I like presents, scrumptious food would be best
IGNORE HIM HINAKI! LET'S GO!
OH, OKAY
AMANO TAIRA!
HUH?
I WONDER HOW HE IS..
JUST WRITE ANYTHING! AS LONG AS I CAN HAND IT IN..
GRANDMA'S CONDITION IS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN THIS
WHO KNOWS
HE'S ALWAYS SO ABSENT-MINDED

カバン
キーン
I thought I finished that for you?
LIKE THIS
IT'S OKAY
EVEN IF I DON'T ATTEND CLASSES
AND I ESPECIALLY REQUESTED YOUR LEAVE FROM THE BASKETBALL TEAM TODAY
Kayoko-sensei is already 30 minutes late
Tick tock Tick tock
AMANO TAIRA, IT'S HALF PAST FIVE. I SHOULD BE HEADING HOME TOO
My judo club is without their judo supervisor as well
I TOLD YOU MY GRAND-MOTHER IS HEAVILY ILL, BUT YOU DIDN'T BELIEVE ME!
YOU ARE THE ONE MAKING ME DO THIS!

IF I BELIEVED THAT SORT OF THING I'D BE OUT OF WORK AS A TEACHER!
YOU NEVER INTENDED TO BELIEVE ME FROM THE VERY BEGINNING!
WELL MAYBE IF YOU MADE UP A MORE BELIEVE-ABLE LIE THAN THAT YOU MIGHT'VE PULLED ONE OVER ON ME
YOU CALL YOURSELF A TEACHER WHEN YOU WON'T TRUST A STUDENT?!
YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THAT WHEN YOU'RE COMPLAINING ABOUT IT NOW?
WELL, I'M FINISHED
IF GRANDMA DIES, I'M GOING TO CURSE YOU
HUH?
AAAA
WHA...
AMANO-KUN, ARE YOU SERIOUS?
I'LL BE TAKING MY LEAVE NOW

NO ONE'S HOME...
I'M HOME!
ANY NEWS FROM GRANDMA...
NARU?
KAZU?
MOM
EH...
The Hospital phoned, I'm going to have a look <Grandpa>
I'm going to take a look as well <Dad>
I'm going too! <Kazu>
I'm going immediately <Naru>

IT CAN'T BE!
THEY SAID THEY'D CALL IF ANYTHING HAPPENED ...
GRAND-MA'S IN A SERIOUS CONDI-TION!
oned, I'm going to
ve a look. <Grandpa>
I'm going to take a look as well! <Dad>
I'm going too! <Ka
I'm going immediate
Wait for me, Gra
<Taira>
WHAT IF I'M TOO LATE?
I hate Nishita-sensei
I WON'T GO BY TAXI, RUNNING WILL BE FASTER!
WHY DIDN'T THEY CONTACT ME? IS IT BECAUSE I'M ADOPTED?

SHE'S ALWAYS THERE FOR ME!
GRAND-MA!
THOUGH ALL THESE YEARS WITH HER LOVING ME
GOD
PLEASE SAVE GRAND MA!
EVEN IF I'M NOT PART OF THE FAMILY
BEWARE OF SPEED!
GRANDMA, I DON'T WANT YOU TO DIE!
WAIT FOR ME!
GRAND MA, YOU CAN'T DIE!

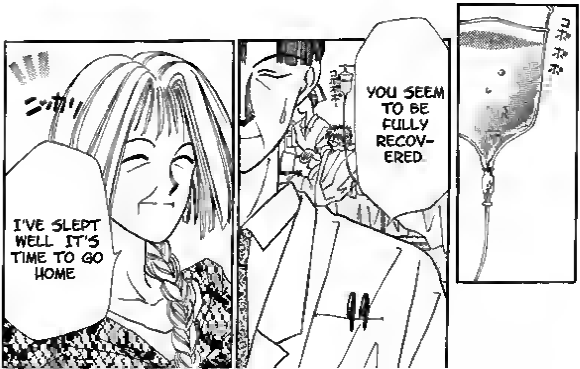
GRAND-MA!
バタン!!
WAH!
オロオロ
YOU CAN'T DIE!
おばあちゃん
HEI?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

ARE YOU TRYING TO KILL OUR GRANDMOTHER?
SO SORRY!
Ah!
You overdid it!
Sorry
GRANDMA
That's okay, it happens all the time
Thank you for telling me
Oh dear
Body weakener
I THOUGHT YOUR CONDITION WAS SERIOUS
THEN WHY DID YOU ALL LEAVE TO SEE GRANDMA
WITHOUT THINKING OF ME AT ALL?
IS IT BECAUSE I WAS ADOPTED?
WHY WOULD IT BE? I WAS ONLY OVER EXHAUSTED
My family is insane

DIDN'T YOUR MOTHER GIVE BIRTH TO YOU?
BUT I'M THE ONLY ONE WITH BLACK HAIR IN THE FAMILY,
AND IN THE ANCES-TRAL RECORDS
OH! I FORGOT TO BRING IT
YOUR GRAND-FATHER BROUGHT IT HERE ALREADY
HUH?
I FOUND IT ON OUR FRONT DOOR
AKI-SAN SAID YOUR GRANDMOTHER NEEDED IT, SO I BROUGHT IT OVER
Oh
I LOST IT YESTER-DAY
YOU SAW THIS AND THOUGHT YOU WERE ADOPTED?
YES.
GRAN GRAND MA...

THAT'S RIGHT.
BUT IF YOU WERE ADOPTED,
THEN IT SHOULD BE STATED IN THE RECORDS AS WELL.
BUT HOW CAN ANCES-TRAL RECORDS BE FORGED?
AND MY NAME REALLY ISN'T IN IT.
SILLY!
THIS IS THE MATERIAL I NEEDED FOR MY NEXT NOVEL.
It's only a little trick I played.
Don't be fooled!
THE RECORD ONLY NEEDS YOUR GRAND-FATHER'S NAME AND MINE.
HAVE A LOOK!
THIS IS A COPY OF THE RECORD.
ME TOO
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD ABOUT THIS.
My mind is blank.
HOW COULD I FORGET? GRANDMA IS A MYSTERY NOVELIST.
Everyone would know something is wrong if the eldest son Kuzui is left out of our ancestral record, but no one would notice if "Hiro" or "Nami" is missing.
TURNED INTO ASH

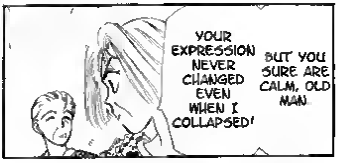
Grandma!
YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR MY 2 DAYS WORTH OF GRIEF!
HOW SILLY! WORRYING ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THIS FOR TWO DAYS!
When your grandmother was young, I had luscious black hair!
Black as a raven.
Everyone else was coffee-colored.
DAMN IT!
Sorry! Sorry!
STOP HIM!
ARE YOU SERIOUSLY ATTEMPTING MURDER?!


I'VE SLEPT WELL IT'S TIME TO GO HOME
YOU SEEM TO BE FULLY RECOVERED

DON'T MISTAKE ME FOR BEING LONELY, I'M FREE
AND THE ONLY REASON I'M FREE
IT'S PROBABLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR GRANDMA TO CHANGE HER MIND.
AFTER YOU LEAVE THE HOSPITAL.
BUT IT'D BE BETTER IF YOU LIVE WITH YOUR FAMILY
BECAUSE OF THEIR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE-MENT.
I CAN ONLY LIVE SO FREELY
IS BECAUSE OF THESE CHILDREN
I HOPE I EXIST AS AN IMAGE OF FREEDOM TO THESE CHILDREN
BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS,
NOT TO SEEK IMPORTANCE IN OTHERS' EYES, BUT TO SEE OTHERS WITH IMPORTANCE.
DOCTOR, IT'S CERTAINLY NICE TO HAVE A FRIEND LIKE YOU. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SLEEP PEACEFULLY THESE PAST 2 DAYS
Ho ho..
Don't understand.
AND WHAT IS THAT?
IT'S A DOCTOR'S JOB TO FULFILL HIS PATIENT'S WISHES
cough, cough

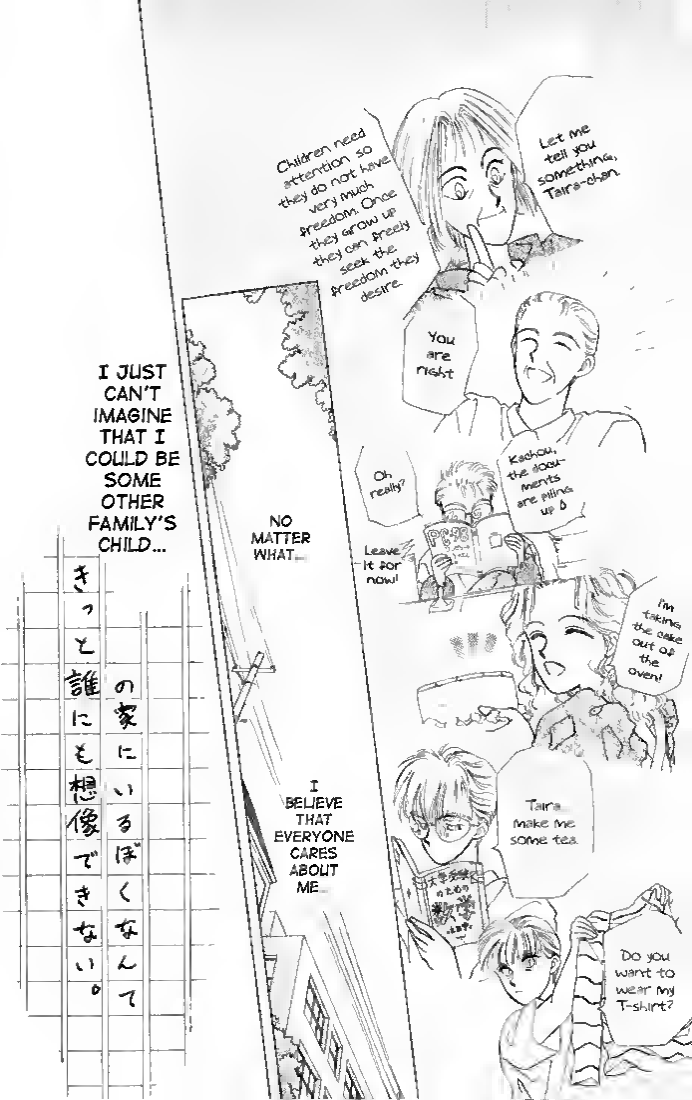
I LIVE ALONE BECAUSE OF MY WORK, BUT WE DON'T NEED TO LIVE TOGETHER TO BE A FAMILY
THE CHILDREN WILL GROW UP AND THEY WILL ALL LEAVE ME ONE DAY,
WON'T THEY?
TO GIVE WITHOUT PAYMENT, A HOME THAT LINKS OUR FAMILY TOGETHER,
BUILT FROM COMPASSION
THAT IS THE KIND OF PLACE I THINK EMBODIES FREEDOM
THAT IS ALL RIGHT
OLD MAN, ONLY WE WILL BE LEFT IN OUR OLD HOME
GRANDMA
OLD MAN, YOU ARE WONDER-FUL!
A HOME BEGINS WITH TWO PEOPLE

To celebrate you leaving the hospital, why don't we have a feast!
I'm so happy! What are we eating tonight?
Really
Making Grandma happy so easily
Grandpa is superb
NO MATTER HOW THE SHAPE OF A FAMILY CHANGES, THE FEELINGS WILL NEVER CHANGE...
OUR FAMILY TIES CAN ONLY BECOME STRONGER, NOT WEAKER...
EVEN IF WE'RE NOT ALWAYS TOGETHER



"MY FAMILY" - 3RD YEAR CLASS D, AMANO TAIRA

I DID SUCH A CRUEL THING TO YOU.
I'M SORRY, AMANO TAIRA!
EVERY-ONE HAS ALWAYS TREATED ME WELL, SO I'VE NEVER HAD ANY NEGATIVE THOUGHTS
Ah?
I'VE NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT WHY I'M NOT LIKE THEM, IT'S NEVER OCCURRED TO ME TO BE SUSPICIOUS...
AMANO TAIRA ...
Sen Sense !
When I find the chance
IT'S ALL RIGHT, SENSE!
HE DOESN'T DARE TO SAY HE'S WRONG!
FORGIVE ME, AMANO!
IF I WAS ADOPTED, I WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE THE FAMILY...
I LOVE... EVERY-ONE IN MY FAMILY
Sure on Ease!
I SHARE THE SAME BLOOD AS MY PARENTS
IT REALLY IS AN AMAZING THING TO BE RELATED BY BLOOD...


Let me tell you something, Taira-chan.
Children need attention so they do not have very much freedom. Once they grow up they can freely seek the freedom they desire.
You are right
Kadokawa, the documents are piling up.
Oh really?
Leave it for now!
I'm taking the cake out of the oven!
Taira make me some tea.
Do you want to wear my T-shirt?
I JUST CAN'T IMAGINE THAT I COULD BE SOME OTHER FAMILY'S CHILD...
NO MATTER WHAT...
I BELIEVE THAT EVERYONE CARES ABOUT ME...
きっと誰にも想像できないの家にいるぼくなんて

おじいちゃんがいて
おばあちゃんがいて
お父さん、お母さんがいて
お兄ちゃんに妹がいるところ
それがぼくの家です。

THIS IS MY FAMILY!

THERE IS GRANDPA AND GRANDMA AS WELL AS FATHER, MOTHER, MY OLDER BROTHER AND MY YOUNGER SISTER.

本当にぼくは
ここに生まれて
良かった。

TO BE BORN AND RAISED IN THIS FAMILY... IS WONDERFUL!

I'M HOME!

END CHAPTER 2 - BORN FREE

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CHAPTER 3 - "OXO"

BIG HANDS JUST MEAN I STILL HAVE ROOM TO GROW TALLER
YOUR HAND IS PRETTY BIG!
THERE'S NO DOUBT IT'S BIG BUT IT'S STILL TOO SHORT
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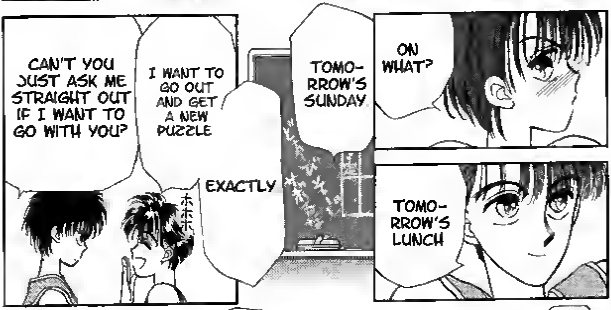
HEY AMANO, WANNA MAKE A BET?
I'm not so into the activities
THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!


CAN'T YOU JUST ASK ME STRAIGHT OUT IF I WANT TO GO WITH YOU?
I WANT TO GO OUT AND GET A NEW PUZZLE
EXACTLY
TOMO-RROW'S SUNDAY
ON WHAT?
TOMO-RROW'S LUNCH

THEN... WHAT WILL WE BET ON...
LET'S BET ON WHETHER OR NOT HINAKI WILL BE THERE TO CHEER US ON TODAY
NO! YOU'RE SO LUCKY YOU'VE NEVER LOST BEFORE
LET'S FLIP A COIN

What?
OF COURSE SHE'S NOT GOING TO COME
WHY ARE WE BETTING ON HER?
WHY DO YOU THINK?
NOT COMING
WHAT IS THIS GUY PLANNING?
WAIT FOR ME, BANRI!
WHY DID IT TAKE SO LONG FOR YOU TWO TO GET CHANGED?
I HAVE IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS TO MAKE TODAY!
Banri's hair
ARE YOU GETTING MARRIED?
OR ARE YOU RETIRING?
NEXT SUNDAY,
WE WILL BE HAVING A MATCH AGAINST TSUBAMENOSU JUNIOR HIGH
SO FROM TODAY ONWARDS WE'LL BEGIN TRAINING!

PPOI take a rest

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今思えば2度ほんとにバカだったと思う。
バスケの「バ」の字も知らないでバスケの試合を観にいくなど。
もうルール覚えて試合風景さえ人物かるの大嫌一本でした。32点てことと試合も惨敗しました。
自分としては かなり成長のあと思っていたのに
ウカ――ッッ!!
なんとバスケのユニフォーム

1へるの通もなくなかったは!
でなわけでコミックスにはちかり通を増えしたました。気づいたかぱ?

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このバスケの試合と言うなれば…は人がうりえれる事なく動きも、そしてオーバーではなく しかも人数の少ない事故にするとヒステリスト俺と共にに…にそ…めたのは言うまでもない!

RIGHT, THEY'RE ONLY THE STRONGEST TEAM IN THE ENTIRE CITY WHY AREN'T YOU TRAINING?!
TSUB-AMENOSU HIGH RIGHT?
WHO?
OUR MATCH IS NEXT SUNDAY, WHY AREN'T YOU TWO TRAINING HARDER?
DON'T YOU KNOW WHO OUR OPPONENTS ARE?
THE 3RD YEARS ALL HAVE TO PREPARE FOR ENTRANCE EXAMS, SO THEY DON'T JOIN AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS
WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH ME?
NOT THIS YEAR
IT'S NOT ONLY US - THE OTHER TEAM HAS 3RD YEARS AS WELL!
I MADE A PROMISE TO HIM
OFFENCE KING OF TSUB-AMENOSU HIGH TEAM, TAKAOKA TORAO
WHAT? THE OTHER TEAM AS WELL?
Stunned

I'LL COME BACK TO CHALLENGE YOU AGAIN, AND IF I LOSE, I WILL NOT GRADUATE!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
Note: Last scene of the match.
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU CAN CHALLENGE ME? YOUR BRAVERY IS CERTAINLY COMMENDABLE!
JUST YOU WAIT
STOP COMPLAINING, YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN DEFEATED!
BEGONE!
SEEING AS WE WERE MIDDLE SCHOOL BUDDIES I'LL WAIT!
Why do we have to play against such strong opponents?
LET'S WORK TOGETHER, EVERYBODY!
Shut up! Get in position!
We're training tomorrow as well!
THE ROOM AT DUSK ILLUMINATING OUR PASSIONATE FRIENDSHIP WITH IT'S BREATHTAKING RADIANCE A LIGHT MORE BRILLIANT THAN THE LINGERING TWILIGHT!
ANYONE WHO CATCHES THIS SCENE WILL WEEP AT THE WONDROUS SIGHT!
WE SURE IS FULL OF SPORTSMANSHIP.
STOP WORRYING ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE WHEN YOU CAN BARELY SAVE YOURSELF!

OUCH!
WHY'D YOU TAKE IT OFF?
I'LL ATTRACT MORE ATTENTION IF I LEAVE IT ON
THAT'S TRUE
BUT HANASHI-MADA'S PROBABLY THROWING A FIT RIGHT NOW
He he he
WHY SHOULD WE SLAVE AWAY BECAUSE OF HIS STUPID GRUDGES?
PRACTISING ON SUNDAY, THAT'S JUST GOING OVERBOARD!
Are you saying I'm a reserve?
CLUBS ARE NORMALLY LIKE THAT
WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?
OF COURSE I'M ON
Wah! They look so much alike!
Ah! They look so cute together!
WHAT?

ARE YOU WEARING YOUR SISTER'S CLOTHES ?
IT SUITS YOU! YOU'RE TOO FUN TO PLAY WITH!
Hey Hakaba! It's gonna rain soon! I'm going to the laundromat.
CAN YOU TELL? SHE MADE ME WEAR THEM
YOU REMIND ME OF MY DARK PAST...
WHAT DARK PAST HAVE YOU GOT?
I BOUGHT THAT ALREADY
THAT LOOKS NEW
WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR 12 YEARS, YOU STILL DON'T KNOW?
HMPH!
SO WHAT DARK PAST?
I'M NOT TELLING YOU
I DON'T
FINE, DON'T TELL ME
YOU STILL SEEM TO CARE ABOUT ME!
LEVEL CLEAR

WHO'D YOU LOSE TO?
DIDN'T I LOSE TO YOU WHEN YOU WERE 3 OR 5
IDIOT!
OF COURSE
HAVE YOU EVER LOST?
ABOUT 7 OR 8
WOW! THAT'S AMAZING! HOW MANY IS THAT?
HOW COME I DON'T REMEMBER?
1 BANRI
2 K·O
I'M NOT TELLING YOU ANYTHING WHEN ALL YOU'VE BOUGHT ME IS A HAMBURGER.
WHO WAS IT?
AS IF!
AT LEAST I BOUGHT YOU SOMETHING,
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
DON'T EAT IT THEN!
ANNOYING IDIOT
WHERE?
OOH, A HOTTIE!

I'M LEAVING EARLY
What is it?

HM? OI!

CHILDREN SHOULDN'T BE DATING!
THOSE TWO LOOK PRETTY COMFY

HEY DON'T GET ANY WRONG IDEAS ABOUT ME!

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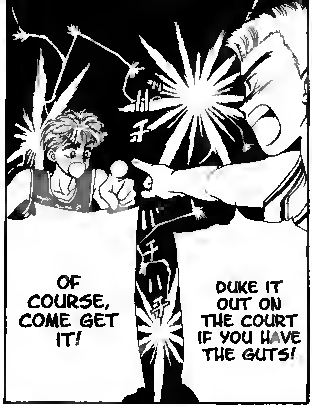
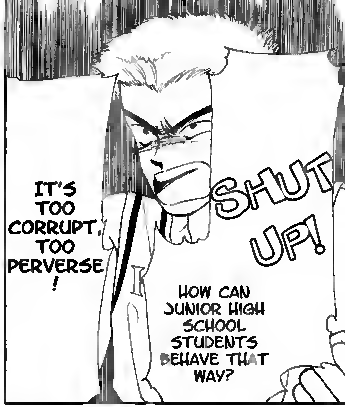
WHO WANTS YOU?! GET LOST!
Move!
DON'T GET IDEAS ABOUT ME, EITHER
MY GOD!
YOU'RE DATING THIS GUY?
I'M BUYING SOMETHING WITH HIM, WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?
PLEASE BREAK UP WITH HIM
AND BE MY FRIEND INSTEAD!
I'm not joking!
DO YOU NEED TO BUY SOME-THING AS WELL?
?
Aren't we! I live on the same street and every thing! There's no use fighting us to split up
HUH?
WHY THE HELL DID YOU FEEL ME UP? PERVERT!
REALLY!
WHAT A PERVERT! LET'S GO!
OKAY!
I THINK YOU'RE MISTAKEN
You'd better be just playing around
MALE
Not final

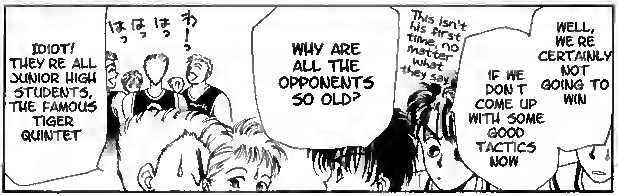
I ~~~~~ AM ~~~~ BEYOND ~~ ANGRY ~~
He's mad
He's mad
OUR OPPONENT IS THE BEST TEAM IN THE CITY!
THE MATCH IS SUNDAY!
WHAT WERE YOU DOING?! HOW COULD YOU SLACK OFF?
IF YOU KNOW I'M MAD THEN START PRACTISING !!
DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THE BASKET-BALL MATCH ON SUNDAY?
WILL BANRI BE THERE?
OF COURSE, WHAT WILL THEY DO WITHOUT HIM?
WHERE IS IT HELD?
OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL
MAKO-CHAN !
HUH?

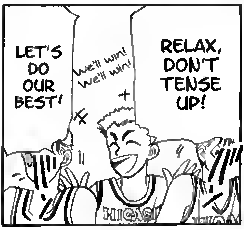
THAT... I'M NOT TOO CONCERNED ABOUT THE WALLET.
OH, RIGHT, DID YOU FIND THAT WALLET YOU LOST?
UM...
Our basket-ball team is pretty weak
THAT'S FINE, BUT...
LET'S GO TO SCHOOL ON SUNDAY.
HINAKI
THERE ARE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS THAN THE WALLET ITSELF
AS LONG AS THE PERSON WHO FINDS IT CAN RETURN IT
THE DAY I'VE WAITED FOR HAS FINALLY COME!
ARE THEY ALL MY FANS?
WOW!
SCARY
JUST THE FIVE OF US IS ENOUGH AGAINST YOU LOT.
Stop dreaming

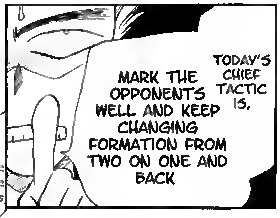
Aaaaaah
Ah
SO YOU'RE TAKAOKA!
Wah!
YOU'RE THAT PERVERT!
You...
guru guru
Chu!
HOW CAN I BE MISTAKEN? YOU ARE PERVERTED.
Who are you talking to?
NO! NO! YOU'RE MISTAKEN.
WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT?
What! Pervert? How scary!
Ah! Pervert!!
YOU FELT TAIRA UP.
I DIDN'T ...
That's because
Yeah!
You touched his chest
That's because you told me to


OF COURSE, COME GET IT!
DUKE IT OUT ON THE COURT IF YOU HAVE THE GUTS!


IT'S TOO CORRUPT, TOO PERVERSE!
SHUT UP!
HOW CAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS BEHAVE THAT WAY?


IDIOT! THEY'RE ALL JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS, THE FAMOUS TIGER QUINTET
はっはっはっわ!
WHY ARE ALL THE OPPONENTS SO OLD?
This isn't his first time, no matter what they say
IF WE DON'T COME UP WITH SOME GOOD TACTICS NOW
WELL, WE'RE CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO WIN


LET'S DO OUR BEST!
We'll win! We'll win!
RELAX, DON'T TENSE UP!


TODAY'S CHIEF TACTIC IS,
MARK THE OPPONENTS WELL AND KEEP CHANGING FORMATION FROM TWO ON ONE AND BACK

SO WINNING ISN'T IMPORTANT ANYMORE?
You're brat
The game begins!

Let's begin, everybody!

SHUT YER TRAP!
WOW! NO WAY. THE OTHER TEAM'S TOO STRONG
I don't really want to, but
hm!
PERVERT!
COME ON!
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I'll take it from here, then.
Bah!
Thanks.
IT'S BANRI!
BANRI SHOULDN'T LOSE...
Waaaa!
Pass!
Perv!
Perv!
Perv!
Perv!
Perv!
Centers!
I can't pay attention to it.
Pass!
Shoulder out!
Pass!
Ace attack!
Urgh.
WHAT? YOU'RE NOT UP TO YOUR USUAL STANDARD.
HANA-SHIMADA, CHEER EVERYONE ON!
WHAT ON EARTH? THAT ISN'T LIKE HIM AT ALL.

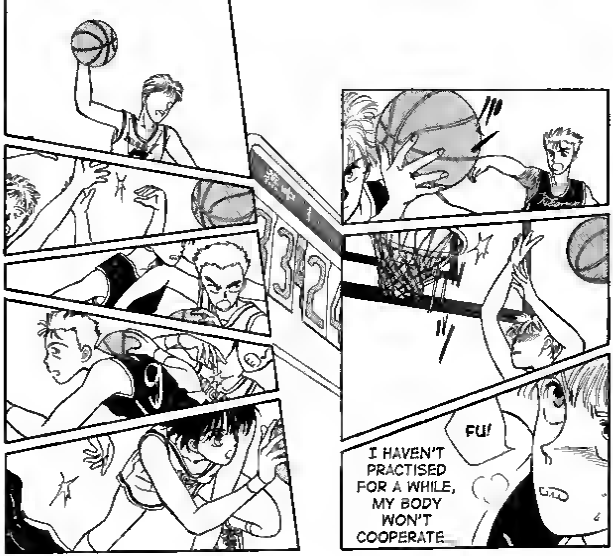
TARAO! CON-CEN-TRATE!
WAH!
4

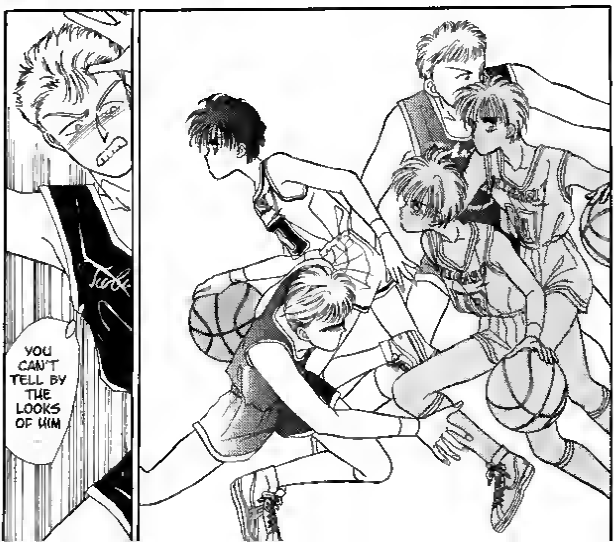
HANASHI-MADA, LET AMANO COME ON
HE MAY RUN FAST, BUT
WE CAN'T GIVE UP YET
WE'RE NOT GIVING UP, IT'S OUR COUNTER-ATTACK
ALL RIGHT
CHANGE PLAYERS
LOOKS LIKE HE'S BACK
SHAME-LESS
8

I HAVEN'T PLAYED FOR 3 YEARS!
JUST PLAY LIKE YOU USED TO
GET ON THE COURT
HUH?
TA-CHAN?
YOU'RE SENDING GIRLS ON NOW,
I CAN'T!
What are you saying?
You're the pervert!
Let's attack now!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
PERVERTS SHOULD STOP BEING SO DAMN ARROGANT!
Beep
FIRST HALF IS OVER
THE OTHER TEAM IS TOO STRONG
DON'T GIVE UP
There's too much action and emotion in this match.
HA HA HA HA
SO THAT'S YOUR TACTIC
WE CAME ALL THE WAY HERE, WE HAVE TO KEEP GOING

Power!
Power!
Power!
Let's go!
Let's go!
Let's go!
Let's go!
EVERYONE TRY TO STEAL THE BALL AND PASS IT TO THE BASE LINE, WE'LL USE OUR STRENGTH TO WIN!
ALL RIGHT, LISTEN UP, EVERY-BODY!
That'd just be sending yourself to slaughter
there-ah mean?
THERE'S NO POINT IN MATCHES THAT AREN'T WON
HUH?
TOSS UP!
THERE'S NO POINT
IN MATCHES THAT AREN'T WON?
4 OH!
HE BECAME STRONGER AND STRONGER
SINCE THEN
SHUT UP
WHAT'S WRONG, BANRI?
YOUR MUM STILL CALLS YOU LITTLE GIRL?
MY MUM MADE ME WEAR THIS BECAUSE I LOST TO HER AT ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS
And she tied this little ribbon on as well!
I HATE THIS!

TAIRA!
AND ME?
YES, THAT'S IT!
JUST LIKE THAT
THAT SHORTIE IS AWESOME
HE'S OUR SEMPAI FROM 3RD YEAR
REALLY?


FU!
I HAVEN'T PRACTISED FOR A WHILE, MY BODY WON'T COOPERATE

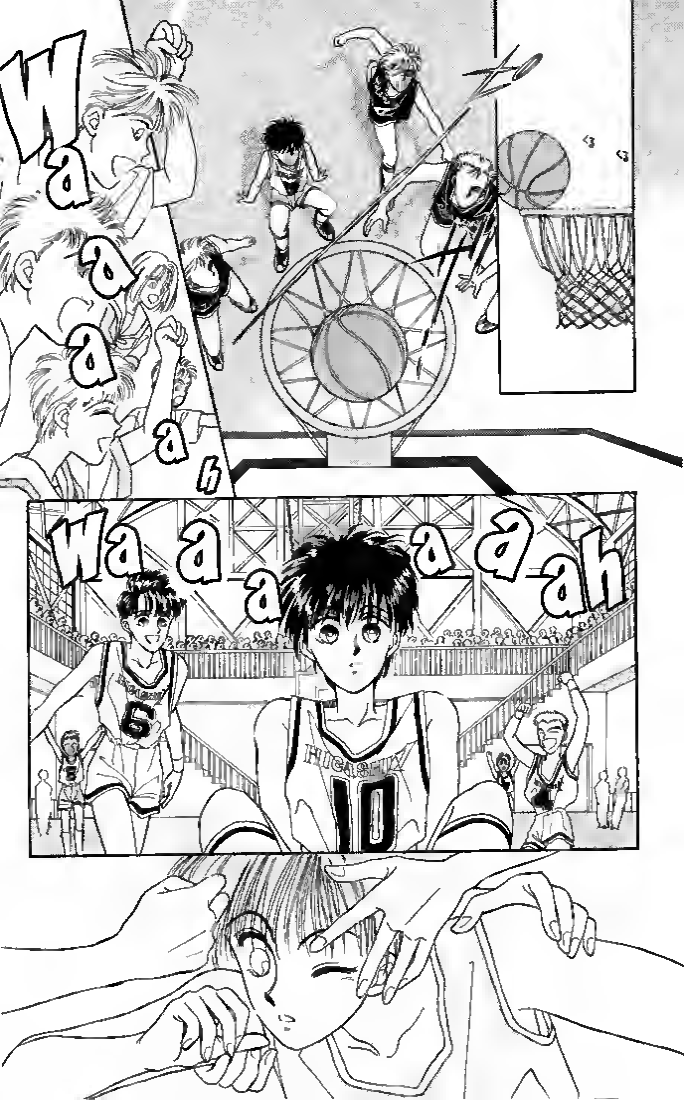

YOU CAN'T TELL BY THE LOOKS OF HIM

Waaaaaaaah!
BUT TIME IS ALMOST UP!
ONLY A 2 POINT DIFFERENCE
Go! Go!
THIS IS LOOKING MORE AND MORE EXCITING
THOSE TWO WORK SO WELL TOGETHER!
Come on!
I CAN STILL RUN... I CAN STILL CONTINUE
I HAVE TO
BUT MY BODY WON'T LISTEN
I CAN'T CARE ABOUT THAT ANY-MORE...

2 PENALTY SHOTS
ONE POINT AND WE'LL BE BEHIND BY ONE, TWO POINTS AND WE'LL BE TIED
Waaaaah-
Only one point!
Only one point!
Only one point!
Only one point!
10 SECONDS LEFT
HEI, RUN!

キュッ
10

NO!
I CAN'T MISS!
DAMN IT!
AH!


Waaaaa,
Waaaaaah
HIGASHI
10
HIGASHI
6

IF ONLY I WAS A BOY AS WELL — A BOY —
THAT WAS GREAT!
HOW COOL!

SORRY! I WAS RUDE TO YOU BEFORE.
BUT YOU PLAYED VERY WELL.
TARAO, I WAS AT FAULT AS WELL.
HA! ANYTIME
TA-CHAN, I LOST TO YOU TODAY.
BUT I'LL BEAT YOU AGAIN BEFORE GRADUATION FOR SURE!
You still dare to lie!

I'M SO TIRED I COULD DIE.
HOW TIRING!
IT'S A LITTLE STRANGE NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT..
BUT, SPEAKING OF WHICH
BUT BANRI AND I SEEM TO BE ON EQUAL STANDING NOW..
THE MATCH WOULD HAVE NO MEANING IF WE LOST.
Heh
Heh

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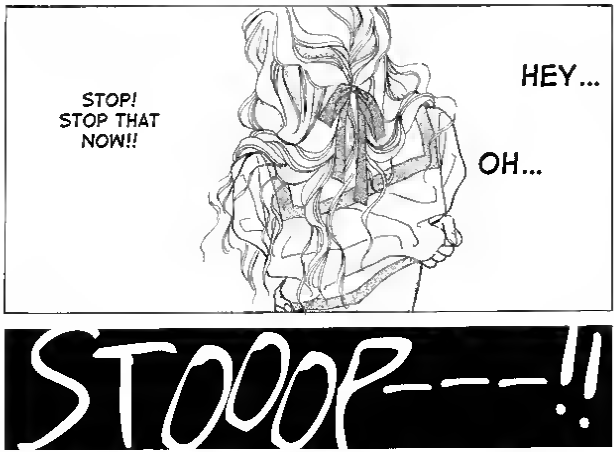
CHAPTER 4 READY... GO!

IS THAT... HINAKI?
HM?
HM...
THAT...
HUH?
OH...
NO! I CAN'T LOOK!


STOP!
STOP THAT
NOW!!
HEY...
OH...
STOOOP---!!

Bandaid
OI!
IT'S TOO EARLY FOR YOU TO SCREAM THE HOUSE DOWN.
You'll disturb the neighbours.

ガシッ
Don't cry
ポン
BIG BRO!
DID YOU HAVE A BAD DREAM?
WHAT? YOU HIT YOUR HEAD AGAINST THE HEADBOARD IN YOUR SLEEP?
SOB
YOUR HEAD IS REALLY HARD
THE BED'S NOT BROKEN, IS IT?
WHO ASKED YOU?
ペッ
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SO WHAT DID YOU DREAM ABOUT?
WAS IT REALLY SCARY?
I'M GETTING OUT FIRST
OH
FROM NOW ON, I NEED TO DRINK MORE MILK
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I'm used to strange guys.
Sorry!
MY SUB-CONSCIENCE IS ACTUALLY SO PERVERSE!
Thank you.
You stopped this.
I'M SO SHAMELESS...
HINAKI.
Oh my gosh!
THERE'S NO ONE WORSE THAN ME...
Are you okay?
Thank you!
AH...
SO PERVERSE... SO UTTERLY SHAMELESS
SO WHAT?
Ahh, my foot.
I've apologised millions of times in my heart.
OOPS, MY BAD. THEY LOOKED SO MUCH ALIKE.

LIKE HELL.
SO YOU FINALLY UNDER-STAND?
I ONLY JUST MANAGED TO SEE YOU UNDER A DIFFERENT LIGHT
UNLESS HE KNOWS I LIKE HINAKI...
WHOA!
WHAT?
WHAT IS THIS?
くさか
KUSAKA
WILL
KILL
900

IS THAT A THREATENING LETTER?
Happy!
IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE SCARY HAS A CRUSH ON ME.
I'M NOT
WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY WORRYING ABOUT ME?
NOT THE SLIGHTEST IMPRESSION?
DO YOU KNOW WHO IT'S FROM?
SHE'LL GIVE UP EVENTUALLY.
AFTER WE GRADUATE IN HALF A YEAR.
SPEAKING OF SENIOR HIGH, THE DUE DATE FOR YOUR PREFERENCE FORM HAS ALREADY PASSED
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THAT'S ALL RIGHT. HE DOESN'T HAVE TIME TO GET ANGRY
THE TEACHER'S REALLY ANGRY.
AND IF YOU END UP IN THE SAME SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL?
Don't count your chickens before they hatch.
ANYWAY WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO?
SEE IF I CARE WHEN YOU'RE MURDERED
Love is painful.
SHE MUST ALSO BE SO BESOTTED WITH ME

I WANT TO GO TO THE SAME SENIOR HIGH AS YOU
WHY WOULD HE?
YOUR RESULTS ARE SUPERB, HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY GET INTO THE SAME SENIOR HIGH AS ME?
THAT'S OKAY, WHO CARES ABOUT SENIOR HIGH ANYWAY? UNIVERSITY IS THE ONE THAT'S IMPORTANT
BESIDES, SENIOR HIGH IS ONLY 3 YEARS ANYWHERE'S ALL RIGHT AS LONG AS WE'RE HAPPY
NO WAY!
YOU'RE GOING TO GET THE TEACHER TO BE EVEN MORE PISSED OFF.
WHAT KIND OF BIZARRE THEORY IS THAT?
THE PAST 3 YEARS HAVE BEEN SO LONG THEY FEEL LIKE THEY'VE LASTED A LIFETIME
Oi, Ichise.
I didn't lie to you.
AND IF IT'S A SCHOOL THAT HAPPENS TO BE OUT OF TOWN, THEN MEETING IS OUT OF THE QUESTION
IF WE'RE NOT IN THE SAME SENIOR HIGH THEN THERE WILL BE VERY FEW CHANCES WE CAN MEET.
Sound! Think about our school's senior high school statistics.
But I'm your neighbour!
ONLY HALF A YEAR UNTIL WE GRADUATE... WE MAY NEVER HAVE THE CHANCE TO MEET UP AGAIN
IT WAS SO LONG
YEAH!

I HAVE TO APOLOGISE TO HER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...
NEVER TO SEE EACH OTHER LIKE THIS... AGAIN.
Ah
Hm?
BUT I'M AFRAID SHE'LL CRY IF I GO ANY-WHERE NEAR HER ...
HUH?
AMANO -SAN!
SHE'S ALWAYS AVOID-ING ME...

I...
I...
WAAAH

WHAT ON EARTH AM I LOOKING AT...

Um
OH?
HEY!
BANRI, LET'S GO!
The hell's gone!
SAVED ..
SAVED ?
HEI, WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS HIDING FROM HINAKI?
WHA
HEY!

DID YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO ASK AMANO?
YEAH...
NO, NOTHING!
クス
YOU'RE SO STRANGE, HINAKI!
OH YEAH, SOMEONE FOUND YOUR WALLET.
OH.
WAS SOMETHING IN IT?
MAKOTO!
THEN THERE WASN'T ANYTHING.
YES.
WELL, CHEER UP.
THANK YOU, MAKOTO
SO HOW MUCH MONEY WAS IN THERE?
MAKOTO!

THE CLASS BELL HAS RUNG
YOU MUST ADD AN 'S' TO VERBS IN 3RD PERSON.
FOLLOWING THAT IS...
AM I AVOIDING HINAKI?
I must have apologised a million times in my heart.
WHY DID I THINK I WAS 'SAVED'?
I HAVE TO APOLOGISE
THE SITUATION'S BECOMING WORSE AND WORSE
In the past I would have just got over it.
It's that dream's fault, how completely pointless.
キャッ
OWW...
KUSAKA! YOUR HAND!

OF COURSE IT HURTS
DOESN'T IT HURT?
ガク☆
Continuous sleeping!
Daydreaming!
I ACCIDENTALLY CUT MY HAND
WHAT IS IT? KUSAKA-SAN!
Are you going too Miss? I'm touched
To the infirmary
SELF STUDY, EVERYBODY!
I DIDN'T WANT TO INTERRUPT THE LESSON FOR EVERYONE ELSE
Lift your hand up
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY ANYTHING?
CAN YOU STOP MAKING THINGS UP?
That cut
BANRI'S BEEN TAKEN TO THE INFIRMARY
THE WOUND IS PRETTY GRUESOME,
WAS HE COMMITTING SUICIDE?
WHAT HAPPENED? THAT'S ONE HUGE WOUND!
Shut up you!

第4話 この話しのために私が開発したのはCD「これがフォークダンス」このCD買ってよかりだとゆーのも自慢コミと娘達と踊ったのはれんてす♪ しかも そいへ まじんして来た当は友だちや姉妹たぶちと踊りに参加させ さむ さむたのに 思い出せないオクフオマキキサー!!!ってなぜだ！ 思い出せないかもでも踊ぶ"そこはパトナーチェンジじゃん？"っなだー!! 進行方向が違うコロコロ輪になったり マイムマイム 最後まで回れないじゃんか

ジュンカ♪
しまいには 恥ずかしい踊りを踊りたすまし始まる♪
約今回新しい努力のネここんだとりつき出した。こんなまなら 高校の時フォークダンス 真剣に踊りつまじめに参加すりゃよかった♪

Hey! Since when did you get glasses?
LET'S GO TO CLASS AMANO
しゅう
WHAT?!
YOUR HAND... IS IT ALL RIGHT?
HM?
NO GIRL WOULD INTENTIONALLY HURT ME
THAT'S TRUE
HOW DID YOU CUT YOURSELF?
I REACHED INSIDE THE DRAWER FOR MY DICTIONARY,
AND ENDED UP CUTTING MY HAND
I couldn't see the knife
I DON'T REALLY KNOW
.....
THAT YOU...
WHAT?

HINAKI
IS SHE HERE?
GATHER UP, CLASS 3D!
YOU'RE SO DENSE
I'LL KILL YOU TO ABIDE MY RAGE!
LINE UP, EVERYONE!
Supervisor of the judo club Mr Nishita
HOLD HANDS!
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE FULL OF ENERGY NOW
NOT ME, HIM.
Here I come!
I'LL USE THIS CHANCE TO APOLOGISE!
OKAY!
No more hiding!

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I FEEL IT'S OKAY TO BE SHORT...
I'VE NEVER BEEN THIS HAPPY
IT WON'T BE LONG UNTIL I GET TO DANCE WITH HINAKI
LIKE THIS..
THIS IS GREAT...
MY LUCK'S NOT BAD TODAY
This isn't judo!
Cultural dancing, begin!
SOON
OH
JUST ONE MORE
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STOP THINKING ABOUT THAT DREAM, THIS IS NOT AT ALL LIKE THE USUAL ME...
STU... STUPID- STUPID- STUPID!!

AMANO TAIRA!

FOR- GET IT ...

Dazed
OKAY, CHANGE PART- NERS!
OH!
YOU HAVE THE STEPS ALL WRONG, THEY'RE LIKE THIS!
HEY! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU ARE DOING?
HINAKI, PLEASE MOVE AWAY FOR A MINUTE.

DAMN...
THIS MUST BE THE BIGGEST DISASTER OF THE CENTURY!
SORRY.
AMANO TAIRA, CAN YOU CONCENTRATE A LITTLE?
HOW COULD THIS HAVE HAPPENED?
JERK...
THE GIRLS WERE VERY NATURALLY COOPERATIVE
OH...
THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN WRAP YOUR ARM AROUND HER SHOULDER!
MY HAND IS HURT.
BANRI! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
MR. NISHITA! STOP INTERRUPTING THEIR PRACTICE
LET GO!
OKAY
JUST HOLD HANDS!
OKAY
LET GO, DO YOU HEAR ME?
DON'T FORGET YOU'RE STILL IN JUNIOR HIGH!
PLEASE CALL ME MISS WATANABE DURING CLASS!
I'M SORRY, KAYOKO-SAN.

I CAN'T DANCE VERY WELL.
Idiot!
Yes, Kayoko!
STRONGER THAN HER!
I'LL BE STRONGER THAN HER
BUT I'M NOT CONCERNED ABOUT IT AT ALL..
SHE MAY BE TALLER THAN ME
ONLY 3 PEOPLE
WHY
UNLESS I CARE WHAT SHE THINKS?
WHY DO I HAVE TO COMPETE WITH HER..?

IT'S SO TIRING DANCING WITH SOMEONE THIS TALL!
HUH?
YOU ARE THE ONE THAT'S TOO SHORT,
CAN'T YOU STOP BLAMING OTHERS?
ARE YOU PICKING A FIGHT AGAIN?
THAT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT CAN BE HELPED
YOU'RE STARTED IT,
EVEN THOUGH YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T WIN AGAINST ME
OH, OF COURSE! IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN HANDLE A FIGHT WITH YOU, KENDO TWO LENGTHS
AS LONG AS WE'RE CLEAR ON THAT
NO..
ANNOYING WOMEN

*TN: AV = AUDIO VISUAL

TO YOU, MAYBE...
BANRI!
YOU'RE SUCH A GIRL!
YOU SHOULD STILL BE CAREFUL.
MY HAND IS HURT, BUT MY FEET ARE STILL WORKING

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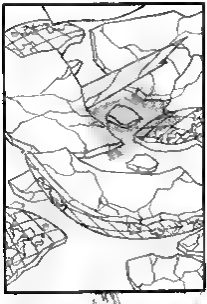
KUSAKA BANRI,
I WILL TAKE
your LIFE.



BANRI!

WHAT ARE YOU YELLING FOR?

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHO IT MIGHT BE?
BE SERIOUS! SOMEONE WANTS YOU DEAD!

I HAVE A CLUE, BUT...

COME ON, LET'S GO TO CLASS

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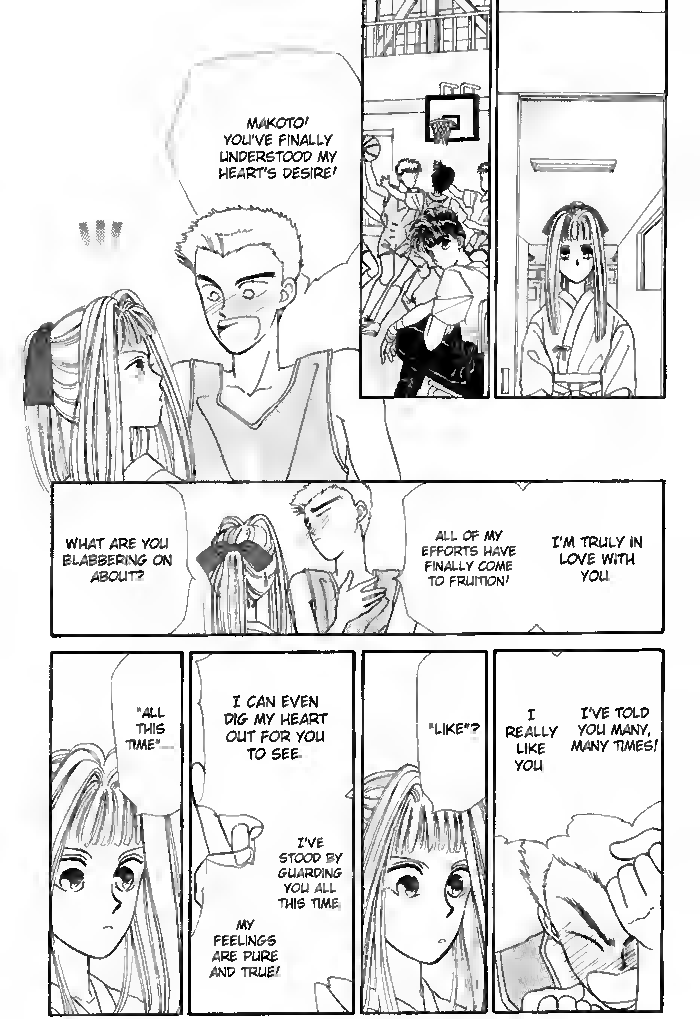

MAKOTO! YOU'VE FINALLY UNDERSTOOD MY HEART'S DESIRE!
WHAT ARE YOU BLABBERING ON ABOUT?
ALL OF MY EFFORTS HAVE FINALLY COME TO FRUITION!
I'M TRULY IN LOVE WITH YOU.
"ALL THIS TIME"...
I CAN EVEN DIG MY HEART OUT FOR YOU TO SEE.
I'VE STOOD BY GUARDING YOU ALL THIS TIME.
MY FEELINGS ARE PURE AND TRUE!
"LIKE"?
I REALLY LIKE YOU
I'VE TOLD YOU MANY, MANY TIMES!

AND ALL YOU CAN THINK ABOUT IS THAT PERSON. THAT FEELING?
WHEN YOUR ACTIONS ARE LEFT UN-CHECKED,
DO YOU MEAN WHEN YOUR PULSE QUICKENS AND YOUR HEART BEAT ACCELERATES,
MAKO-CHAN! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
IGNORE---
HUH?
MAKO-CHAN!
WHERE SHOULD WE GO FOR OUR DATE?
SO YOU ALREADY REALISE...
YES, JUST LIKE THAT!
Flip
Flip, flip
KUSAKA BANGS I WILL TAKE YOUR LIFE
YOUR HAND WAS HURT BECAUSE OF THIS AS WELL, RIGHT?
VERY POSSIBLY

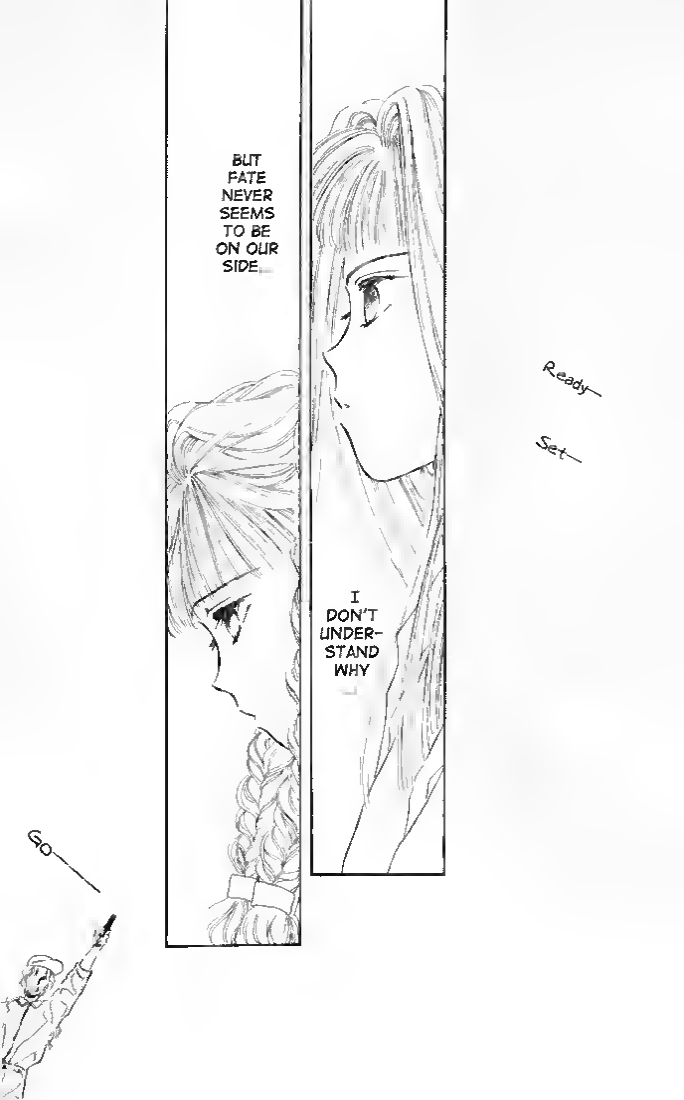
WELL, I'M NOT COMPLETELY CLUELESS
ALL RIGHT, STOP COUNTING
IT COULD BE MY FANS BOYFRIENDS ...IN WHICH CASE THERE COULD BE ABOUT 40 TO 50 SUSPECTS
IF WE TAKE THE BASKETBALL ROUTE
SO ANGRY!
COULD IT BE TAKAOKA, THAT GUY WHO LOST TO US?
HE'S NOT THAT TYPE OF PERSON
THIS HAS GONE TOO FAR! WHOEVER IT IS ISN'T JOKING AROUND..
IT'S PRETTY DIFFICULT TO TRY AND PREVENT THESE INCIDENTS IF WE DON'T KNOW WHO THE CULPRIT IS
YOU SHOULD STILL TRY PREVENTING THEM AS BEST AS YOU CAN

THEN...
OH?
I'M NOT THAT CHILDISH
YOU'RE STILL MAD ABOUT THAT TIME HE FELT YOU UP?

MAKOTO
...
DO YOU REALLY LIKE KUSAKA SANRI?
HM?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU LIKE ABOUT HIM.

LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING, HEI...
WHAT?
WHO DO YOU LIKE BETTER, HINAKI OR MAKOTO?

I CAN'T BLAME YOU...
I SEEM TO HAVE FALLEN FOR AMANO TAIRA AS WELL...


BUT FATE NEVER SEEMS TO BE ON OUR SIDE...
I DON'T UNDER-STAND WHY
Ready—
Set—
Go—

AMAZ-
ING.
ABSO-
LUTELY
AMAZ-
ING!
YEAH! YOU
KENDO EXPERT,
EXCELLING AT ALL
THINGS EVEN
WITHOUT YOUR
SWORD!
IT'S THE
TRAINING
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YOU'RE
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NARY!
MAKOTO
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THE
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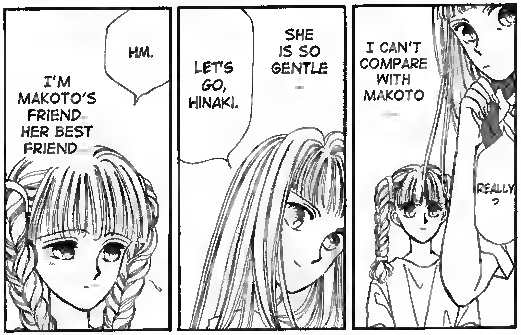
AGAIN!


HM.
I'M
MAKOTO'S
FRIEND
HER BEST
FRIEND
LET'S
GO,
HINAKI.
SHE
IS SO
GENTLE
I CAN'T
COMPARE
WITH
MAKOTO
REALLY?

I...
MAKO-CHAN
!!!
Oh
Really?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, HINAKI
AND HE ASKED TO BORROW MY NOTE-BOOK!
EIJIRI HELPED ME CLEAR OUT THE RUBBISH TODAY!
AND THAT AMANO TAIRA...
HE'S BEEN SO COOL RECENTLY!
I'VE BECOME SUCH A BASKETBALL FAN OF HIS!
IF ONLY HE WAS A LITTLE TALLER..
I DON'T KNOW WHETHER I'M HAPPY OR NOT, BUT I'M SO TIRED
ドタバタ☆
I SHOULD CHEER HIM ON
EVER SINCE THAT MATCH,
HE'S BEEN SO SERIOUS ABOUT BAS-KETBALL

AND SO?
THIS GUY HAS HE FOUND OUT THAT I LIKE HINAKI YET?
OF COURSE
ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT THE CULPRIT AT ALL?
Come on Banri!
"WHO DO YOU LIKE BETTER HINAKI OR MAKOTO?"
BANRI HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL..
I THOUGHT IT WAS SOMEONE FROM OUR CLASS AT FIRST,
BUT THEN I WAS ATTACKED OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM. THE SUSPECT PERIMETER HAS GROWN LARGER
WHO DO YOU THINK IT IS?
SOMEONE NOT FROM OUR CLASS, BUT IS ABLE TO LEAVE A KNIFE IN YOUR DRAWER.
SOMEONE GOT TO THE AV ROOM BEFORE US THAT DAY. SO IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN ANYONE FROM OUR CLASS
JUST SIT HERE AND BE QUIET.
HE!
THE PERIMETER'S TOO WIDE
SINCE 1ST AND 2ND YEARS CAN'T ACCESS OUR CLASSROOM
I MEANT THAT ANYONE FROM 3RD YEAR IS A POSSIBLE SUSPECT,
HE'S BE NICE IF WE CAN NARROW IT SOMEWHERE.
WHO CAN'T YOU TRUST?

YES, UNDERSTOOD
クスクス
DON'T MOVE UNTIL I COME BACK, YOU HEAR?!
IDIOT!!
YOU'RE SUCH A BASKETBALL FREAK.
ハァ…
TO HEAR BANRI SAY THAT…
RECENTLY, I SEEM TO HAVE STARTED LIKING HER MORE AND MORE…
BUT FOR SOME REASON, I FEEL LIKE AN IDIOT…
KUSAKA
I WILL take
HEY, YOU DROPPED SOMETHING

WAIT A MINUTE!
BANRI
?
HOLD IT!
STOP RUN-NING!

A GIRL?
AH!
OW..
I SHOULD HAVE CALLED HEI FIRST
OW
BANRI!
ALL 3RD YEARS ARE POSSIBLE SUSPECTS

HEI,
IS BANRI OKAY?
HE'S SURE HIT A SPOT OF BAD LUCK LATELY
BANRI'S LEFT LEG IS BROKEN AS WELL AS 3 OF HIS RIBS HE'S STAYING AT THE HOSPITAL RIGHT NOW.
ええっ！
YEAH, HE HASN'T BEEN TOO WELL.
I have a thousand cranes
Me too!
LET'S GO VISIT HIM
WE SHOULD ALL GO SEE HIM
SURE.
Thank you

THERE HASN'T BEEN AN INCIDENT AFTER BANRI WAS SENT TO THE HOSPITAL
You could say he lived once
BUT WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHO THE CULPRIT IS..
EVEN IN THE HOSPITAL, HIS HABITS HAVEN'T CHANGED ...
HERE WE GO AGAIN
I LIKE

YEAH.
I HEARD BANRI'S SERIOUSLY INJURED?
AMANO TAIRA!
OH, IT'S YOU, HANASHIMADA.
OH RIGHT. LET ME COPY YOUR ENGLISH HOMEWORK FOR A BIT
Go, ruler of the world.
IT'S A GREAT LOSS FOR THE TEAM IF HE CAN'T PLAY.
ALL RIGHT, HERE YOU GO
It's useless even if you look fmc
I'm so perfect sometimes I even scare myself
-ω- Liar!
Lend it to Kusaka!
I WONDER HOW BANRI IS DOING?

中村 描いてると、すっかり
その頃に考えた事
好きな物 好きな事
作中事 許せない事なん
か あの頃 感じていたまま
に思い出してしまいます。
今となっては 小さな事柄
なのに あの時は一大ニュース
だった。毎日 楽しくて 毎日
新鮮だった。
今と対比するんではなく
その頃にもどってみよう。
とか思うと タムリーに中村
の頃の夢を見る。
なつかしい友達 なつかしい教室
楽しい事 一杯あった日々
だけで マンガが描きたいと
思うあの。
悲しい事はそりゃあるけど
楽しい事の話しとしたく
なっちゃうのは あたしだけ
かな。

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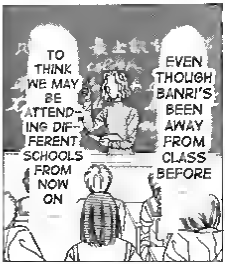
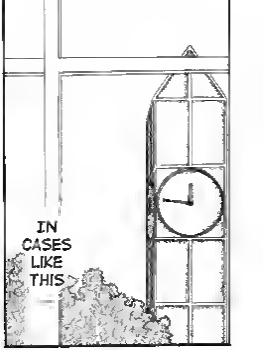
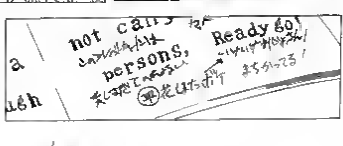
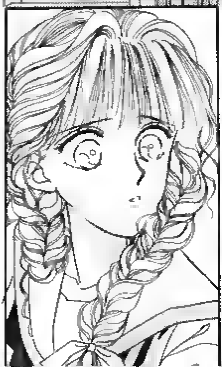
明日も よい日と
あります様よーに



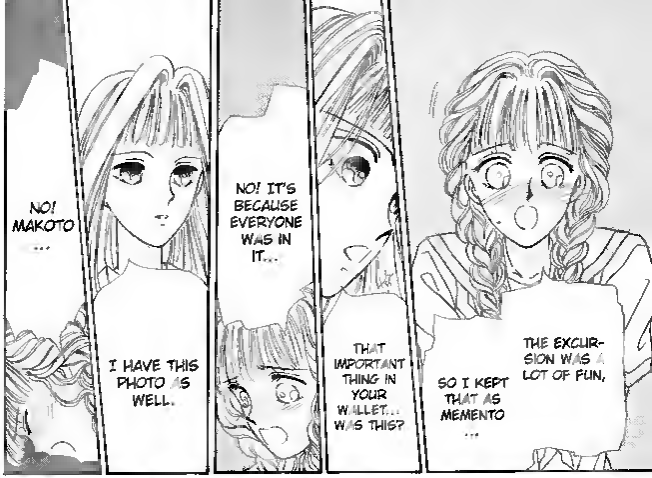


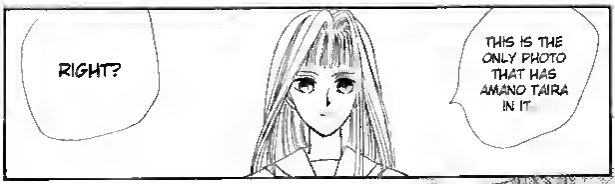




IT'S NOT BANRI! IT'S NOT HIM!
NO, MAKOTO...
HM?
HURRY! VISITING HOURS WILL BE OVER
IF WE DON'T GET THERE SOON!
MAKOTO!
BUT...
HINAKI...
IRARA
THERE'S NO ONE...
THEN WHO IS IT?
WHO IS IT?
THERE'S NO ONE I LIKE.

HUH? ISN'T THIS THE PHOTO WE TOOK ON OUR SCHOOL EXCURSION?
OH?
IS THIS YOURS, HINAKI?
HINAKI?


NO! MAKOTO ...
I HAVE THIS PHOTO AS WELL.
NO! IT'S BECAUSE EVERYONE WAS IN IT...
THAT IMPORTANT THING IN YOUR WALLET... WAS THIS?
SO I KEPT THAT AS MEMENTO ...
THE EXCURSION WAS A LOT OF FUN,


RIGHT?
THIS IS THE ONLY PHOTO THAT HAS AMANO TAIRA IN IT

I'M SORRY ...
I'M SORRY!

I'M SORRY ...
YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG, WHY ARE YOU APOLOGISING?
DID THAT HURT?
YES
MAKOTO!
IF ONLY I CAN CRY
BUT DURING THIS TIME, MY TEARS CAN'T SEEM TO FALL...
I DON'T KNOW HOW
THEN WHY ARE YOU HOLDING BACK?
IT'S OKAY TO CRY

BANRI, HAVE YOU BEEN BEHAVING YOURSELF?
OH, IT'S YOU.
EVERYONE'S JUST LEFT.
YEAH, I BUMPED INTO THEM OUTSIDE.
A whole heap of presents again!
Want some tea?
THE NEWS SURE TRAVELS FAST.
AT LEAST I FEEL BETTER WITH YOU STAYING IN HERE.
I DOUBT THE CULPRIT WILL CHASE YOU ALL THE WAY HERE.
Why are you being so nice all of a sudden?
I am not.
Don't move! You'll hurt your legs.
IT'S A GOOD THING MY DAD KNOWS THE HOSPITAL.
It'd be dangerous if this continues.
I FOUND THIS NOTE IN YOUR DRAWER.
OH.
THIS
I HAVE ONE HERE AS WELL.
OH!
SEE?
LIKE
THAT BALL IS FROM...
YEP.

WHY DID YOU ASK ME WHETHER I LIKE MAKOTO OR HINAKI?
YOU STILL HAVEN'T FIGURED IT OUT? THEN ADD ME TO THE EQUATION
ME, MAKOTO, AND HINAKI WHO DO YOU LIKE BEST?
WHAT
LIKE...
Is this really from someone who likes me?
BANRI?
WHAT?

WHAT BRINGS YOU THREE HERE?
IT'S THE THREE MUSKE-TEERS
HOW ARE YOU, BANRI?
Peeks in
Peeks in
Peeks in
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ハハハ☆
ハハハ☆
WHO IS IT?

MUCH BETTER
YOU CUT YOUR HAND LAST TIME, IS IT BETTER NOW?
HM. HUMAN DISAS-TERS?
YEAH, ALL HUMAN ONES TOO
YOU SURE BUMPED INTO A WHOLE HEAP OF DISASTERS
NOT DEAD YET.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
WE WERE WOR-RIED
OF COURSE.
YOU WERE CONCERNED
THAT'S GOOD
HUH?
HUH?
WHAT . . YOU ALREADY KNEW?
BECAUSE YOU DID IT.

I THOUGHT IT OVER FOR AWHILE, AND ASIDE FROM HER, YOU THREE ARE THE ONLY ONES WITH THE BEST CHANCE OF DOING IT!
NO clues
WE DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD CUT THAT DEEP..
BUT
THE CULPRITS SHOULDN'T JUST BE YOU THREE
WE ONLY LEFT THE KNIFE IN YOUR DRAWER, BUT WE DIDN'T DO THE REST.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "ONLY"?! DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT YOU DID?
YOU WENT WAY OVER-BOARD!
LOOK AT WHAT YOU DID TO BANRI! HE WAS A BREATH AWAY FROM A CONCUSSION!

YOU BASTARDS!
HOW CAN YOU HURT SOMEONE THAT SERIOUSLY AND STILL SAY "ONLY"?!
BANRI, YOUR LEG...
MY LEG'S NOT BROKEN, AND NEITHER ARE MY RIBS
I ONLY EXAGGERATED MY INJURIES SO YOU WOULD COME FORWARD
SO WHY DID YOU ATTACK ME?
What?!
BECAUSE OF HINAKI
WE ARE ALL ADMIRERS OF HERS,
BUT WHEN WE PICKED UP HER WALLET BY ACCIDENT,
THERE WAS A PHOTO OF YOU INSIDE!
BECAUSE OF THAT?
YOU ATTACKED ME...!
BUT NOW WE KNOW WE WERE MISTAKEN,
WE'VE CONFESSED AND SORTED OUT THE MISUNDERSTANDING

WE RUSHED TO
AND SO
Yep
How honest
THEN...
HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THIS?
PUZZLE
BRING YOU THIS GIFT TO APOLOGISE!
THAT'S THE TENNIS TEAM.
REALLY ?
WE'RE SORRY!
AND MEMBERS OF THE TENNIS TEAM WHO HAVE CRUSHES ON YOU
YOUR BASKETBALL FANS' BOYFRIENDS
YOUR BASKETBALL FANS,
US THREE,
THIS INCIDENT WAS THE RESULT OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN
I see. that's why they attacked me. the male population of our school hates me.
?
Huh?
Kusaka, that's our problem.
ALL RIGHT, I UNDERSTAND.
30, 40, 50!
WELL, AROUND ABOUT
HOW MANY ARE THERE ALTOGETHER?
If we have to categorise, 10 start off with there is our Hinaki Team and also the Sasami Team. The staircase incident was done by the other 2 teams.

ドン!!
YOU COWARDS! IF YOUR GIRLFRIEND WAS STOLEN, THEN USE YOUR STRENGTH TO SNATCH HER BACK!
USING CHEAP TRICKS BEHIND PEOPLE'S BACKS IS JUST DIRTY!
We're sorry!
We're sorry!
すみません
ドドド

We were the only ones there.
Did you hear?
WHOA!
KYAAA!
STOP HIDING BEHIND ME COME OUT, ALL OF YOU!
YOU CAN OPEN A GIFT SHOP WITH ALL OF THESE.
COME OUT!
DON'T RUN AWAY, YOU COWARDS!
BUT, BANRI.
HEH, LEAVE IT.

THEY ALREADY KNOW THEY WERE WRONG.
THEN THERE WON'T BE INCIDENTS LIKE THIS AGAIN
LET THEM BE AS LONG AS WE KNOW WHO DID IT.
I'M EXHAUSTED, STOP MAKING ME WORRIED.
NO! YOUR LEG HASN'T HEALED YET, SO YOU CAN'T GO HOME
OKAY, TIME TO PACK UP AND HEAD HOME.
Shut up!
YOU SURE HAD ROTTEN LUCK.
You actually hit someone.

MISERLY GROUCH!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING YOU IDIOT! YOU KNEW WHO THE CULPRIT WAS AND YOU DIDN'T TELL ME!
I DIDN'T TELL YOU BECAUSE I WASN'T SURE
YOU CAN'T BLAME ME FOR THAT!
WHY ARE ALL THE PEOPLE WHO LIKE YOU SO BIZARRE? YOU'RE WEIRD ENOUGH AS IT IS!
AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHOSE FEELING FOR ANOTHER IS BEYOND YOUR CONTROL?
WHAT EXACTLY IS IT THAT YOU LIKE ABOUT HINAKI?

I...
WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO ABOUT IT? YOU CAN'T DWELL ON LIKE THIS FOREVER.
I... I DON'T KNOW.
WHAT DO I ACTUALLY LIKE ABOUT HER...?
I'VE ONLY TALKED TO HER ONCE...
I DON'T REALLY KNOW HER THAT WELL...
STOP IT! DON'T TRIP ME AGAIN!
HOW DID YOU KNOW ANYWAY?
IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MORE OBVIOUS.
Damn it ~~~
I'll just make you incapable of leaving the hospital!

I HAVE TO KNOW...
DOCTOR, I WANT TO BE DISCHARGED.
IT'S FINE NOW.
YOU'RE NOT SCARED OF BEING KILLED?
YOUR LEG HASN'T HEALED PROPERLY, YOU'LL NEED TO REST.
I'M FINE, AMANO WAS PRESSURING ME TO LEAVE
YOU GOT A SCROWLING HUH?
WHATEVER YOU WISH, TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF!
That was taken from my hospital room summary.
I HAVE TO SORT IT OUT..
IT'S MY FAULT FOR MAKING HINAKI THIS GLUM AND MOODY.
SHE HAS HER PIANO LESSON TODAY
HINAKI'S NOT WITH YOU?
HANASHIMADA, IF YOU AND YOUR BEST FRIEND LIKE THE SAME PERSON AT THE SAME TIME,
WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
FOR YOU, I CAN ABANDON MY FRIEND!
It's my fault for asking you. Please forget about it!

I...
OH... AMANO TAIRA... WHAT WAS IT THAT I WANTED TO SAY LAST TIME?
HINAKI!
WHAT?
OH!
OH!
RIGHT?
LAST TIME, THERE SEEMED TO BE SOMETHING YOU WANTED TO SAY BUT DIDN'T .

I...
I...
I'M SORRY, MAKOTO! I ONLY WANT TO APOLO-GISE...
THAT TIME...
YOU WERE KINDLY ADVISING ME, BUT I DIDN'T EVEN GIVE YOU A SMILE.
I'M SORRY I RAN AWAY FROM YOU 4 MONTHS AGO.
IN THE END, I'M VERY GRATEFUL.
THIS...
THE TRUTH MAY BE THAT...
THANK YOU...

I SHOULD BE THE ONE THANKING YOU
IN ACTUAL FACT...
I SHOULD BE THE ONE APOLOGISING
SORRY, I WAS THE ONE STICKING MY NOSE INTO OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS
I WAS THE ONE RUNNING AWAY FROM YOU...
IN THE PAST,
I WANTED TO GROW TALLER BECAUSE I WAS SHORTER THAN YOU...
I STARTED PLAYING BASKETBALL AGAIN BECAUSE I WANT TO GROW TALLER
BECAUSE OF YOU,
HINAKI IS TALLER THAN ME...
HUH? NO... NO... NO...
LET'S GO TOGETHER!
IF IT'S POSSIBLE...
ARE YOU GOING HOME NOW?
WAIT FOR ME I'LL GO GET MY BAG
Y-YES... I WAS JUST ABOUT TO GO.

NOT TO ESCAPE, BUT TO MOVE FORWARD...
THANKS TO HINAKI, I WON'T RUN AWAY ANY FURTHER...
I DON'T HAVE TO STATE CLEARLY THAT I LIKE HER, THAT POINT...
LOVE CAN'T BE CLEARLY STATED...
BOYS ARE SO AMAZ-ING...
Don't worry Makoto! I won't destroy you!
AHH!
RIGHT NOW WE SEEM TO BE FRIENDS. SEEM TO LIKE EACH OTHER. SEEM TO REGARD EACH OTHER WITH IMPORTANCE...
AH!
See that up there?
AH!
BUT WE ARE DEFINITELY NOT YOUR TYPICAL FRIENDS. NOR ARE WE LOVERS. AND DEFINITELY NOT CLOSE COMPANIONS...
ONE DAY, I'LL BE ABLE TO LOOK AT HER FROM THIS HEIGHT...
ONE DAY, I'LL FINALLY UNDERSTAND HER...

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DESCRIBE WHAT I'M FEELING RIGHT NOW ..
I DON'T UNDER-STAND..
ONLY THAT I SEEM TO BE
SEEMS SPECIAL, BUT NOT,
SEEMS DEFINITE, BUT NOT

PPOI!
(A YOUTHFUL BOY!)

END CHAPTER 4 - "READY.. GO!"

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